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PM: Agreement could be initialed this week

DAVID MAKOVSKY
TABA

AN agreement between Israel and the PLO is very unlikely to be signed this week in Washington, but there is hope it will be concluded and initialed, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told *The Jerusalem Post* in an hour-long interview yesterday. (Excerpts will appear in the Rosh Hashana Eve edition.)

At midnight last night, Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told reporters that Israel had submitted a new proposal for "redeployment from Khalil (Hebron)," but refused to say whether the IDF withdrawal would be full or partial.

"We have reason to believe that we are on the right track," said the usually pessimistic Kanafani.

Hebron mayor, B'tselem call for Jewish evacuation of Hebron, Page 2

Both senior US and Egyptian officials phoned negotiators nonstop during the day in a bid to bridge to see where gaps can be narrowed on the issue of Hebron in order to still obtain a signing ceremony in Washington this week.

After consultations with Rabin in Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat for a third night of marathon talks here in a bid to bridge the gap on Hebron.

Rabin said he did not want to offend Palestinian sensibilities by referring to the Israeli security presence in Hebron as "overriding." However, he said the IDF would "basically" retain freedom of movement throughout the city.

"We face a problem in Hebron. It is very difficult to explain that because of 415-450 Israelis who live there, we can prevent 120,000 people from behaving like every [Palestinian] city. But this is a fact of life. We have to adjust our security arrangements to let them have civilian responsibility for their own life and, at the same time, make sure that the Cave of Machpela, the area in which Jews live, Kiryat Arba, the main access roads, where there is no bypass, will be under our security," Rabin said.

"There might be certain areas in which there can be local Palestinian police, but the areas that are related to the security of the Israelis in the wider sense, must be in our hands."

Asked whether he could envision joint Palestinian control over the Machpela Cave, Rabin replied, "Basically, it is our responsibility."

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters in Taba, chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qreia indicated that temporary security arrangements can be reached in Hebron, including the stationing of Palestinian police and Israeli troops, but said certain principles must be clear.

"No Palestinian will accept a divided Hebron. It is a Palestinian city ... redeployment in the whole city of Hebron must be like all other cities," he said.

Qreia suggested that whether Jewish settlers are evacuated from Hebron is not the issue.

"What exists will exist through the interim period," Rabin said about a possible evacuation of Jewish settlers from Tel Rumeida.

"I cannot speak about separation without reference to the presence of Israelis in the centers of population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Since I am committed to not moving any settlements during the interim period, I look at separation as a goal to be achieved in the context of a permanent solution – the way that I describe a Palestinian entity not under Israel's rule, next to Israel, and not according to pre-'67 lines."

Rabin said he hopes an extradition agreement reached in this round of talks would be similar to that in the Gaza-Jericho accord, by which Palestinians can be transferred to stand trial in Israel, while Israelis do not stand trial in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority.

He was candid about the problems of extradition, saying he hopes – but could not be certain – the areas from which the IDF withdraws would not become "cities of refuge" for terrorists.

Rabin said that terrorists who are captured in areas under Palestinian control are the PA's responsibility. But, he added, if a terrorist comes from an area not under PA control and commits a crime, then flees to Palestinian-controlled territory, "that is a different story."

While hoping that Israeli-PA intelligence cooperation will prove successful in foiling terror, he admitted that Israel's capacity to act against terror would be reduced.

"There is no doubt that in the towns from which we redeploy, our capability will be reduced," he said. "The main issue is not information, but the way we react to the information. At the same time, I can say that friction between us between and the Palestinians on a daily basis, a weekly basis, will be reduced."

Rabin refused to discuss what would happen if the accord fails. "What we are doing is based upon the assumption that things

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Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat take their seats as they prepare to resume negotiations at the Taba Hilton last night. (Reuter)

Undercover veterans may face murder charges

FIVE former undercover soldiers are being investigated on suspicion they murdered six Fatah activists in Jabalya a year and a half ago, Channel 2 reported last night.

The incident occurred on March 28, 1994, when a company came under gunfire and grenade attacks twice that day in Jabalya. An order was given to send out undercover soldiers to investigate. At the same time, a group of six armed, masked Fatah activists arrived on the scene. The soldiers thought the six were a group of Hamas terrorists and opened fire, killing all of them.

After the incident the IDF praised the soldiers for their action. At that time, Fatah was to have coordinated the entrance of armed men into the camp, and as such the six were suspected of belonging to Hamas.

Following a complaint from B'tselem, the soldiers were investigated on suspicion of manslaughter, but the army did not find fault with their actions.

The five soldiers have since completed their military service. However, a few days ago they were summoned by the Military Police who informed them the investigation had been reopened and they were being investigated on suspicion of murdering the Fatah activists. (Itim)

Austrians decide on compensation to Nazi victims

VIENNA (AP) – Victims of the Nazi era in Austria will receive the equivalent of about $7,000 each from a new Austrian government fund that is belatedly compensating those who suffered, the fund's curators decided yesterday.

Some 200,000 Jews lived in Vienna before Adolf Hitler's troops annexed Austria in March 1938 to the cheers of many Austrians.

For decades after the war, Austria emphasized that it was itself the first victim of the Nazis. It was only in 1991 that Chancellor Franz Vranitzky became the first Austrian leader to acknowledge that Austrians were perpetrators, as well as victims of Nazi crimes.

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Zo Artzenu leaders detained, released

HERB KEINON and BILL HUTMAN

THE six Zo Artzenu activists arrested yesterday morning after pre-dawn raids on their homes were released last night, after signing NIS 3,000 guarantees to show up for future police questioning.

Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said the police would recommend that criminal charges be filed against the leaders of the organization.

Police suspect the Zo Artzenu leaders of organizing illegal demonstrations and incitement, according to Hefetz. He said the demonstrations were dangerous, because they brought large crowds together without the proper organization.

"When proper steps are not taken to ensure emergency crews can arrive to the scene quickly, and that women and children may be stampeded, there can be injuries and even fatalities," Hefetz said.

Detectives with the police serious crimes division arrested the activists, and settlement residents said they were accompanied by dozens of police in riot gear and snipers.

Moshe Feiglin, the leader of Zo Artzenu, said police came to his Karnei Shomron home at 5:30 a.m., searched the premises and carted away papers, computer disks, and his computer, "including the mouse and keyboard."

The police had a search warrant signed by a Petah Tikvah Magistrate's Court judge.

The six men detained in Karnei Shomron were Feiglin, Shmuel Sackett, Dr. Bernie Ehrenreich, Zvi Pearl, and Avraham Levine, and Yehoshua Shani in Kiryat Arba.

The police also went to Beit El, apparently looking for Rabbi Benny Elon, who was not home at the time.

Sy Polsky, who lives around the corner from Feiglin, said that at 5:30 about 15 police cars pulled up to the settlement's entrance. "They went into the homes and conducted a systematic search," he said. "No one was told what they were looking for."

According to Feiglin, the police methods show they are trying to "crack something that does not need to be cracked. They don't understand that what is behind this whole thing is not a huge organization, but a few people backed by much of the nation."

Feiglin said the detainees did not cooperate with police. He said they were released, despite refusing a police demand to put down NIS 3,000 in cash.

Power supply unaffected by Zo Artzenu protest

HERB KEINON

THE Israel Electric Corp. reported only a slight increase and drop in electric usage last night, at the appointed times when Zo Artzenu called on supporters to turn the electricity in their homes on and off in unison to express disapproval of the government's peace policies.

Yael Ne'eman, the company's spokesman, said the change could be measured "by a few megawatts." She said no electrical problems were reported.

But Yehoshua Shani, one of the leaders of the organization, said he does not rely on information from the company, which "filters through political channels."

Shani said even a slight change shows that thousands of people were involved. "Former energy minister Moshe Shahal himself said that the main usage is for industrial purposes," Shani said, "and if this is the case, then even a slight increase shows that tens of thousands of people were involved." He said the campaign will be repeated weekly and will "gain momentum."

In Jerusalem's religious Kiryat Moshe neighborhood, electricity went out in a number of apartments in a seven-story building at 7:30 p.m., the hour when Zo Artzenu called for the blackout – but in the neighborhood the change was not noticeable.

Feiglin said he had reports entire settlements turned out their lights.

Police Minister Shahal, meanwhile, ridiculed the action. "We are talking about people who have fantasies, or people who believe in super-human powers, or in people who have some sort of psychological problem and are in need of immediate treatment," he said.

Shahal added, however, that those who participated will not face police action. "What someone does with the electricity in his home is not the business of the police," he told reporters.

Bill Hutman contributed to this report.

Gov't, comptroller oppose 'whistle blowers' bill

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE government and state comptroller are blocking legislation protecting those who expose corruption in their work place from being fired, demoted, or deprived of their rights, MKs Hagai Merom and Yossi Katz, who presented a bill to this effect, stated yesterday.

The legislation was initiated three years ago by the Ha'ogen Association, which represents hundreds of people who were fired after exposing corruption at work. Ha'ogen also receives thousands of anonymous complaints of corruption and violation of proper conduct from people afraid to identify themselves.

At a press conference yesterday Ha'ogen presented several people who were dismissed after exposing corruption. Even after they appealed to the state comptroller and finally to the High Court of Justice, and after their complaints were found to be valid, their employers refused to take them back, despite the court's recommendation.

Michael Milo, safety adviser to the Health Ministry, was fired when he warned of construction flaws and fire hazards in hospitals, including work conditions in laboratories which endangered workers' lives.

Milo's warnings of a major fire hazard deriving from a construction flaw in the new wing of Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, backed by reports from the fire authorities, were blocked by Health Ministry Director-General Mordechai Shani.

Despite the former director-general's instructions to rehire Milo and investigate the flaws he had exposed, Shani refused to do so, and also refused to let the internal comptroller lodge a complaint with the police.

Milo's appeal to the state comptroller seven months ago remains unanswered.

The State Comptroller's Office was unavailable for response last night.

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B'tselem: Evacuate Hebron's Jews

JON IMMANUEL



B'tselem field worker Bassam Eid points to a map of the Hebron area, that shows over 30 roadblocks and 11 manned checkpoints, at a Jerusalem press conference yesterday. (Flash 90)

B'TSELEM, the Israeli human rights organization focusing on the treatment of Palestinians, yesterday demanded that the 450 settlers in Hebron be evacuated, saying it is impossible to secure Palestinian human rights as long as the Israelis remain there.

B'tselem director Yizhar Be'er explained that, "Until now, we thought the problem should be dealt with in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority." But the grave situation dictates only one conclusion, he said.

Deputy director Eitan Felner said B'tselem thinks the kind of security necessary to protect the Hebron settlers makes it "impossible for the Palestinians in Hebron to live in dignity. That is what human rights is about, not going through checkpoints and roadblocks and living in constant fear of settlers who do what they want, because they know there will be no punishment for their violent acts."

Field worker Bassam Eid pointed out that in the center of Hebron, where the settlers live, there are 32 roadblocks and 10 manned checkpoints.

A 33-page report, entitled "Impossible Coexistence," says that since the Machpela Cave massacre in February 1994, the lives of the 100,000 Hebron-area residents had been seriously disrupted, with 50 days of curfew and 40 night curfews, the killing of 26 Palestinians, and violent house searches.

Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe says the closure of the casbah, the vegetable market, has cost the municipality more than NIS 1 million in taxes from shopkeepers, who refuse to pay when they cannot use their premises. A Palestinian-run gas station had to close because access to the area was denied to Palestinian vehicles. Of 76 shops along the street where the settlers live, only 27 remained open because of loss of business and fear of merchants.

The Palestinian Authority is currently encouraging former Palestinian residents of the area to return. There are now 1,000 living in Hebron's Old City, where there were 10,000 in 1967.

The B'tselem recommendations go beyond those of the PA itself. Yesterday, Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala) told reporters in Taba that there is no objection to the settlers in Hebron remaining, as long as they accept the protection of the Palestinian Police.

This solution, however, is not seriously regarded by Israel as an adequate measure to protect the settlers.

However, "any political solution that preserves Jewish settlement in the city and Israeli control over it, wholly or partially, will lead inevitably to additional violations of the human rights of Palestinian residents in Hebron," the B'tselem report said.

B'tselem noted the evacuation of the Jewish residents would have to be done with consideration for their human rights. The group also supports freedom of access to the holy places.

Thorny Hebron belongs in final status talks

COMMENT

JON IMMANUEL

HEBRON has emerged as the intractable problem of the Oslo 2 talks, even surpassing water distribution, since it is an issue which really belongs in the final status talks.

The problem has its roots in the Oslo accords, which treat all settlements the same, and thus afford the settlers in the center of Hebron the same right to IDF protection as other settlers. The difference is that, whereas other settlements were designed not to intrude on the daily lives of Palestinians, the settlement in Hebron was designed to change the character of the city.

It has done so in many ways. The security measures required to protect the 450 settlers have rippled out to affect most of the 100,000 Palestinians in Hebron. The proximity increases friction, which sharpens the already pointed mutual religious antagonism of Jews and Arabs there, leading to the kind of extremism which has seen several Palestinian murders of Jews and Baruch Goldstein's massacre of 29 Moslems at prayer.

This in turn has required broader IDF security measures – at the expense of Palestinians, not settlers – which increased Palestinian resentments.

In some ways, the situation is the exact reverse of the situation in Jerusalem. In the final status talks, when a permanent peace treaty is to be signed, the Palestinians will be asked to recognize the predominant Jewish character of Jerusalem and accept the continued presence of Israeli security forces in all parts of the city. Difficult as that will be, Jews are the great majority there, and it will be the end of a process when, so the plan goes, everybody will be too used to peace to go to war over Israel's claims.

In Hebron, the settlers must recognize the predominantly Palestinian character of the city and accept the presence of Palestinian Police where they live. The problem is that, because of the assurances that Hebron will fall under Palestinian rule in the interim period, the settlers have to face that situation now, when peace is hardly ripe for the picking.

A solution will be found that will enable Israel and the PA to sign Oslo 2. The problem will be enforcing it in face of great dissatisfaction among Hebron's Palestinians and a sense of siege among Hebron's Jews.

Natshe calls for removal of settlers

HEBRON Mayor Mustafa Natshe yesterday called for the Jewish settlers to be evacuated from Hebron.

"The settlers must be evacuated, because they are the source of the problem," he told Israel Radio in Taba, where he is participating in negotiations about the city.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Meanwhile, Palestinians moved some municipal offices into a building next to a downtown yeshiva yesterday as part of their campaign to reclaim parts of this disputed city.

Six municipal departments – electricity, water, property tax, garbage, and building licenses – were moved from a spacious building on the outskirts of Hebron to a second-floor hall next to the Shavei Hevron Yeshiva.

Likud MK Ron Nahman said yesterday that his party would open an office in Hebron on October 9.

"Hebron is the city of our forefathers, and we must strengthen the Jewish presence in Hebron," Nahman told AP.

Japan pledges another $200m. in aid to PA

JON IMMANUEL

JAPANESE Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama met yesterday in Gaza with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and promised $200 million more in aid and international observers for elections.

Japan, one of the major foreign donors, had pledged $100m. a year for 1994 and 1995, which it has channeled through the United Nations Development Program.

The new amount is to be channeled directly through the PA, according to sources in the PA Planning Ministry. If so, this would indicate growing confidence by the traditionally cautious Japanese in the PA's financial accountability.

In Amman, where Murayama went later, the Japanese promised to help strengthen and widen the Allenby Bridge, Reuters quoted a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

Japan has been involved in financing several infrastructure and housing projects in Gaza.

Weizman: Accord can be changed

GREER FAY CASHMAN and news agencies

THERE is room for amendments in the Oslo accords, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday, following a meeting with parents of of victims of Arab terror.

Weizman endorsed the opinion of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair that the Palestinian Authority is obligated to transfer to Israel two men suspected of the July murders of Ohad Bachrach and Ori Shahor in Wadi Kelt. He pledged to take up the matter with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin when the two meet tomorrow.

Bilha Bachrach, the mother of Ohad, said the president had been very warm and compassionate and had told them he shares the parents' concerns.

According to her husband, Arye, Weizman said that unless the two men are extradited to stand trial, he would refuse to sign release orders for security prisoners convicted of murder.

'WHISTLE'

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Gidon Shir-Hen, a qualified mechanic who served as a vehicle tester for the Postal Authority's transportation department, exposed several cases of irregularities and corruption, which he reported to his superiors. After being ignored for months, he turned to the state comptroller. He was fired and subjected to a series of countersuits.

The comptroller finally ruled that his dismissal was unjustified and the Postal Authority must rehire him, but this was never done, he said.

Ha'ogen legal adviser Alexander Spinrad said that the association's appeals to the authorities were confronted by "complete obtuseness and red tape. Only the state comptroller can reinstate a worker fired for exposing corruption, but is systematically refraining from doing so, despite court rulings in favor of the workers in question."

Merom noted that in the absence of adequate legislation, the High Court cannot force an employer to take back a worker, even after his complaints are found to be justified.

Merom said the cabinet's rejection of the legislation to protect corruption exposers is based on Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's strong objection.

Shohat was unavailable for comment last night.

Merom and Katz stated that they would present the bill before the end of the Knesset's term and are confident of its passage.

US not expecting signing ceremony this week

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE US believes that Israel and the PLO are close to concluding an agreement on expanded Palestinian autonomy, but that chances are fading for a signing ceremony here Thursday.

"I think an event this week would be very difficult to do at this point. However, I hold out all the possibilities," a senior administration official said yesterday.

The US peace process team has been in touch with Israeli and Palestinian leadership since the marathon Peres-Arafat meetings began this past weekend, he said. But while "we certainly are encouraging resolution" of the Hebron and other outstanding issues, "I would discount reports that any ultimatum or pressure for [concluding by] a specific date were applied."

"These are direct negotiations, and they are doing them," he said of the Taba talks.

A White House spokesman said that "the talks are ongoing, and when an agreement is reached, there will be a signing ceremony at the White House."

An Israeli official said here yesterday that with the approach of Rosh Hashana, and with President Bill Clinton on a cross-country pre-campaign trip through Thursday, the signing could be postponed to Friday, with the planned meeting of the donor countries' ad hoc liaison committee preceding it on Thursday.

But the administration official disputed that, saying such a scenario would be impossible because the donors meeting is a "secondary event."

"We have got to have the agreement first," he said.

The signing ceremony aside, Congress will take up Middle East matters later this week.

Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, will hold a hearing tomorrow on the peace process. A House staffer said the hearing would cover all tracks, and not specifically PLO compliance with the Oslo accord, or the recent Arafat tapes.

And on Thursday, the Senate is due to vote on the foreign aid appropriations bill which contains assistance for Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians. The bill, which passed through the appropriations committee last week, also contains a new law authored by Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms, stipulating the conditions under which the Palestinians may receive US assistance.

The US has pledged $500 million toward the Palestinians over five years.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office under former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, said yesterday that during his week-long visit here he has urged congressional leaders to tighten the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act beyond the Helms provisions.

The monthly meeting here yesterday of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's national officers affirmed the group's "strong consensus" in support of the Helms bill, according to one participant.

The officers were expected to deliver "a cohesive message" in support of the bill during meetings later on in the day on Capitol Hill.

Meanwhile, visiting Tunisian foreign minister Habib Benyahia told a Center for Security and International Studies forum that the stalemates in the Palestinian and Syrian tracks were holding up Israel's normalization with North Africa.

"Without any clear-cut prospects, you will see North African and all the Arab countries think twice. ... We have also to recognize that our public opinion is eager to see results in the peace process," he said.

AGREEMENT

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will go according to the agreement," he said. "I will not elaborate on the means that are still in our hands to cope with the problem if it does not go well."

In general, Rabin urged the public not to expect instant reconciliation with the Palestinians after decades of conflict. "I don't believe by signing diplomatic documents, you can bring to an end the backlog of hatred, suspicion, and bloodshed between the Arab countries, the Palestinians especially, and us. But the diplomatic papers are the door for a new era in which, hopefully by coexistence, we will be able within 10 to 30 years to reduce the effects of the long, bitter conflict between us and the Arab countries, the Arab peoples.

"The most complicated one is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I believe it will be easier with the Arab countries than with the Palestinians ... With the Palestinians, it will take longer. There might be ups and downs. This is the reason we have to keep our military strong, and not cut our defense budget."

Turning to Syria, Rabin said it would be "very difficult" to avoid the "Egyptian model" when it came to peace with Damascus, but added that there is a geographic and topographic difference between the Sinai and the Golan Heights.

The Syrians, Rabin said, cite the Egyptian model – full peace for full withdrawal, as a precedent. So, he said, does "the Arab world, the leaders of most of the world."

7,000 Palestinians to be trained for election work

VOTER registration classes will start this month for 7,000 Palestinian teachers who will oversee Palestinian elections, the PA announced yesterday.

Under the accord expected to be reached between Israel and the PA, the Palestinian self-rule council will have 82 members. Palestinians will cast one vote for council members and another for the head of the Palestinian Authority. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Jordan stops handling property requests

The Jordanian government has ceased dealing with requests by non-Jordanian citizens for the return of land or other property on the West Bank, the newspaper Al-Balad quoted government sources as saying. (Itim)

CORRECTION

The column "Earthly concerns" in yesterday's paper mistakenly placed the Aral Sea in Siberia. It is in Central Asia, between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

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Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman dies after car flips

A woman was killed and three people were moderately to seriously injured when the car in which they were traveling overturned on the Mitzpe Ramon-Eilat road yesterday.

The injured were all helicoptered by the IDF to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. The woman was declared dead at the scene. *Itim*

Fatah committee takes over Jenin affairs

A Fatah committee took over the affairs of Jenin yesterday in a festive celebration, following the resignation of the Israeli-appointed mayor some weeks ago.

Walid Abu Muas, a former security prisoner appointed to the position three months ago by Fatah, heads the council composed of all the factions in Jenin, but dominated by Fatah.

Jenin was expected to be the first town evacuated by the IDF as part of the yet-to-be-signed Oslo 2 accords. Officially it is still under the civil administration. *Itim*

Israel-Palestinian peace picnic held

The Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue Group held a picnic for peace yesterday in the village of Kafr a-Dik attended by 57 Israelis, most of them religious, and an equal number of Palestinians from Nablus and Salfit, in addition to the villagers.

The group has held several such meetings, including one in Jerusalem, to promote mutual understanding.

The Palestinians said they welcome peace, but complained that bulldozers from nearby settlements had begun working on their land without an official expropriation order. *Jon Immanuel*

Bomb found in Gush Katif

Soldiers discovered a bomb in a Gush Katif training area yesterday afternoon, and detonated it without incident, the Gaza Coast Regional Council reported. The IDF said it was checking the report. *Itim*

IDF patrol attacked in southern Lebanon

An IDF patrol in southern Lebanon was attacked yesterday evening by Hizbullah machine-gun and RPG fire. There were no injuries or damage. The soldiers returned fire and the attack was stopped.

The Hizbullah gunmen also attacked an SLA outpost in the same area, but caused no injuries or damage. *Itim*

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Illegally built school demolished

BILL HUTMAN

THE Jerusalem Municipality yesterday evicted pupils and teachers from an Arab nursery school in the Umm Tuba neighborhood and then demolished the building, because it was built without a permit.

The demolition followed a two-hour standoff, during which some 35 children and teachers refused to leave the makeshift building.

"It was inhumane," said Naim Abu Tair, one of the parents who helped set up the school for three- to five-year-olds, the first of its kind in the neighborhood. "All we wanted was a place for our young children to learn."

A city spokesman said the building was not occupied until Sunday, when residents heard that it was slated for demolition. Abu Tair said it had been in use since the beginning of the school year.

The structure consisted of three large freight containers linked together. It was built on land donated by a resident.

Abu Tair admitted the nursery school was built without a permit.

"We didn't think we needed a permit to build a temporary structure," he said.

The municipal spokesman said the city provides adequate educational facilities for the community, and there was no justification for allowing the illegal structure to stand.



Reuma Weizman (right) and Ruth Dayan, daughters of pioneer Merhavia educator Rachel Schwartz, yesterday planted the first trees in a memorial forest bearing her name in Neveh Ilan. Schwartz died in February 1994 at age 96. The 10,000 trees of the Rachel Schwartz Forest are to be planted by various women's organizations. (Flash 90)

Two remanded for gang rape

Suspects allegedly filmed assaults over 3-week period

RAINE MARCUS

A MAN suspected of taking part in the alleged repeated gang rape of two 14-year old girls videotaped the rapes, police said yesterday at a hearing in Rehovot Magistrate's Court. The man, 19, and a youth, 14, were remanded for seven and six days respectively.

Following complaints by the girls and the arrest of the two, police seized eight videotape cassettes allegedly showing the repeated rapes and a camcorder at the man's home.

The case surfaced when one of the girls told her parents she had been raped, and they informed police.

On Sunday night, the two girls told police that for 20 consecutive days they had been raped by several youths and one man at the man's apartment in the city. They said the events were videotaped by the man.

The younger suspect reportedly confessed, telling police he thought only one of the girls had been filmed.

Police said the girls had agreed to go to the man's home after "pressure was put on them" and because they knew some of the youths.

Police are still seeking three other youths who allegedly took part in the rapes. The victims could only identify them by their nicknames.

Court rules against lawyer switch

RAINE MARCUS

MIRIAM Weissman, 74, accused of murdering her 33-year-old daughter Natalie last December, asked Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for permission to fire her lawyer and be represented by her husband's attorney.

Weissman and her husband Michael, 72, are charged with suffocating Natalie in her sleep. The court originally appointed Eyal Shomroni-Cohen to represent the couple, but as the trial progressed he withdrew as Miriam Weissman's lawyer, citing the possibility of a conflict of interests.

Police suspect Miriam suffocated Natalie, while her husband helped cover up the incident.

Yesterday, Miriam Weissman again asked the court to appoint Shomroni-Cohen to represent her, but three judges ruled this would be a conflict of interests.

Toxicologist Dr. Shlomo Almog appeared as a prosecution witness yesterday and testified that the amount of drugs found in the victim's body could have been fatal. The Weissmans have argued that their daughter died from a drug overdose.

Natalie Weissman's 10-year-old daughter also appeared as a prosecution witness, despite attempts by the National Council for the Child to prevent her appearance.

"There is no need to explain what this girl will experience," the NCC wrote Justice Minister David Liba'i. "Her mother was murdered, her grandmother is on remand, and she is under care with no one close to her – and she will be asked to relive terrible deeds and difficult traumas."

Her testimony was heard behind closed doors.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AKUM awards literary prizes

AKUM has awarded its top literary prizes to author Shulamit Cohen-Assif and author/lyricist Didi Manussi. Cohen-Assif and Manussi each won the NIS 20,000 Judges Prize for life achievement in the field of, respectively, children's literature and light reading/lyrics. The prestigious NIS 12,500 Ashman Prize went to Reuven Meran for his book *Turtle Soup for Breakfast*. Other prize winners were Rivka Raz for *Cafe Botz* and Tamar Bergman for *Old Wives Tales*. *Helen Kaye*

25 tons of unfit corn destroyed

Twenty-five tons of corn were destroyed Sunday by Health Ministry inspectors who feared the crop had been irrigated with sewage water.

The corn was to be marketed from the Pri Hagalil factory in Hatzor Haglilit, although it had come from a kibbutz in the south. The inspectors ordered it thrown into a trash compactor and doused with kerosene. Some 10 tons of the destroyed corn had already been packaged for shipping. *Itim*

Atlit man indicted for murdering wife

Ya'acov Lamrovitz, 33, of Atlit was charged in Haifa District Court yesterday with the murder of of his wife. According to the indictment, he shot his wife Rahel six times in the head at point-blank range with his licensed pistol on August 31. The couple had been quarreling, and Lamrovitz had often been violent toward his wife. The couple was in divorce proceedings.

Lamrovitz had previously been hospitalized in the Tirat Carmel Mental Hospital, and the court ordered him examined to see whether he is fit to stand trial. The initial psychiatric report has found him psychotic and recommended further hospitalization. *Itim*

Three stabbed in high school brawl

Three teenagers suffered stab wounds during a brawl that broke out yesterday at the Ne'urim boarding school in Netanya. One of the three was moderately-to-seriously wounded in the abdomen and underwent surgery at Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera. The other two were treated and released. The brawl was apparently caused by a dispute over the use of a bench. *Itim*

Israel and Russia sign medical agreement

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAEL and Russia yesterday signed a medical cooperation agreement, which will allow the exchange of information and medical specialists as well as joint projects in medical administration.

The accord was signed in Jerusalem by Russian health minister Eduard Nizaev, one of 25 health ministers and delegates from a total of 50 countries attending the 45th annual meeting of the European section of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Nizaev expressed much interest in the implementation of the new national health insurance system and asked how Israel copes with the rising costs of pharmaceuticals. Health Minister Ephraim Sneh agreed to send experts in communicable diseases to Russia when his counterpart asked for help in combating measles and tetanus.

WHO Director-General Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima said his organization was able to meet in Jerusalem because it was a regional meeting; the UN does not currently allow full international meetings to be held here. But the Japanese-born physician said he hopes this policy will change with the coming of peace to the region.

Regarding the WHO's veteran campaign of "Health For All in the Year 2000," Nakajima said rates of infant mortality are going down and expanded vaccination programs are leading to the eradication of some diseases, but that health in some regions – including Eastern Europe – is actually declining because of political instability, pollution, and aging.



WHO Director-General Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima. (Avi Hayoun)

The week-long meetings began with a festive event at Hutzot Hayotzer opposite David's Citadel. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was unable to attend because of continuing meetings with the Palestinians at Taba, but his written address, delivered by Pnina Herzog of the Health Ministry, stressed the need for regional cooperation in efforts directed to public welfare rather than warfare. Sneh and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert also greeted the delegates.

Rabbis nix computer for calculating sex times

LEADING haredi rabbis have forbidden the use of a computer to calculate when a woman's period is expected and when they must thus abstain from sex, Arye Wexler, secretary of a Bnei Brak rabbinical court, said yesterday.

He said several leading rabbis last week had banned the use of an increasingly popular handheld device known as the "purity computer," for fear it may lead people to rely on computers to make halachic rulings in other areas, rather than to consult with rabbis.

The invention helps religious couples navigate a restriction in Jewish law against sex during the period from 12 hours before menstruation is expected to seven days after it ends.

The computer – actually a calculator pre-programmed for this purpose – uses information entered by the woman about her last menstrual cycle to calculate when the woman's period is expected and when the couple should thus begin abstaining from sex. Many couples turn to rabbis for help with the calculation, though it is possible to make it on one's own.

Rabbi Yosef Sholom Eliashiv, considered the current leading authority on Jewish law, warned in a letter to the haredi daily *Yated Ne'eman* that the "purity computer" might spark a technological incursion into other areas where rabbis traditionally held sway.

"Everyone must go to the home of his rabbi, put his question and abide by the answer," wrote Eliashiv.

In another letter published by the paper, Rabbi Eliezer Yehuda Waldenberg warned the manufacturers against further distribution of the device, "lest they dare to tread on holy ground [and] turn computers into authorities on Jewish law." (AP)

Vanunu to appear before High Court

MORDECHAI Vanunu is to appear soon before the High Court of Justice to discuss his petition against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and security personnel. Israel Radio reported yesterday. The contents of the petition are banned from publication. Vanunu will represent himself in court.

Meanwhile, the British Movement to Free Vanunu yesterday held a press conference in Jerusalem at which it was argued that he has suffered psychological damage because of his imprisonment.

The movement announced that Vanunu is planning a hunger strike to mark his alleged kidnapping from Italy by Israeli agents nine years ago. Vanunu will begin his hunger strike on September 30, the date he says he was kidnapped, said Rami Heilbronn, a member of the group. *Itim*

TAU students rap Egypt's no-show at Clean-Up Day

THE Tel Aviv University Student Union yesterday condemned the unannounced cancellation by Cairo University students on Sunday of their scheduled participation in Gulf Clean-Up Day.

A delegation of 20 TAU students had waited at the Taba border on Sunday for a reciprocal delegation to arrive from Cairo University. The Israelis were to go to Sharm el-Sheikh to meet with another Cairo University group.

"We are very disappointed and perplexed at the sudden cancellation and will demand explanations and clarifications," said student union chairman Guy Cohen. *Rachel Neiman*

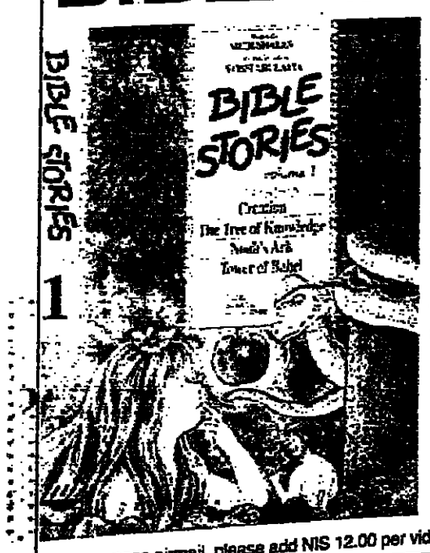
Israeli-Palestinian crime rings busted

TWO Israelis, one a former policeman, were arrested recently in connection with a Palestinian-Israeli car-theft ring, police said.

The two, who confessed, incriminated two Palestinians from Shuweika, near Tulkarm, who have also been detained, the police spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Samaria District detectives have detained five Palestinians and one Israeli in connection with a wave of recent burglaries in the Barkan industrial zone. *Bill Hutman*

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Captives' fate unknown after army said to raid Kashmir abductors

SRINAGAR, India (AP) – Kashmiri kidnappers of four Westerners said yesterday that army commandoes attacked their base in the Himalayas, injuring some people, and they can no longer ensure the safety of the captives.

The Al-Faran militants called The Associated Press in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir, and said in Urdu language: "Indian commandos attacked one of our bases in the Pahalgam area and there was a gun battle."

United News of India news agency quoted an unnamed government spokesman as saying he has no inforamtion about any such encounter in the Pahalgam area.

"There are casualties, but we don't have the details," the caller said. He would not answer questions or give details of the alleged gun battle. The caller established his identity though a pre-arranged code.

"We have given enough time to the Indian government, but we have reached a conclusion that the government of India is not keen to get the foreign tourists freed safe," he said.

Earlier, officials said the government is trying to Al-Faran to let off the four captives in exchange for up to 40 million rupees ($1.23 million).

It was the first time since Al-Faran began the kidnappings in July that the government has tried to win freedom for the hostages by offering money.

Al-Faran had earlier threatened to kill the captives if the government does not release 15 jailed guerrillas, but New Delhi continued to refuse that demand. It was not clear if Al-Faran still wants the jailed rebels let off.

Yesterday's admission of a dialogue over ransom money came as a guerrilla group believed to be the front for Al-Faran accused the government of kidnapping the tourists and killing one of them to vilify the secessionist movement.

"There is every likelihood that India may kill the four remaining hostages and ascribe it to the Mujahedeen [Islamic holy warriors] of Kashmir," the Harkat ul-Ansar militant group said in a statement in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir.



The owners of the 'Ragnar' empty their belongings and equipment from the wrecked private yacht yesterday after it was tossed more than 100 feet out of the marina and into the street in St. Thomas. (Reuter)

Pope: Church sees Africa as continent of hope

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) – Pope John Paul II brought his message of hope to Kenya yesterday, along with a caution against the evils of "ethnic, political and social divisions" bedeviling the nation.

The pope told a welcoming airport crowd that Africa's people and leaders should strive for development that provides not only material wealth, but also respect for the rights and freedoms of all.

"Social unity and solidarity are not easy at the best of times," the pontiff said. "They are made all the more difficult when ethnic, political and social divisions are allowed to smother the yearning for true peace which lies in peoples' hearts."

On his third visit to Kenya in 15 years, the pope arrived in a country where his church and the government have been increasingly at odds over human rights, corruption and political reform.

In a pastoral letter last year, Kenya's bishops said the country was sliding into totalitarianism, with a clique of politicians manipulating the system for personal gain and glory.

The bishops issued another pastoral letter in April urging President Daniel arap Moi to convene a constitutional conference, charging that the present constitution fosters injustice, lawlessness and corruption.

The government dismissed the latest pastoral letter as "blackmail and incitement," and one cabinet minister threatened the bishops with arrest if they continued with their criticisms.

Moi, Vice President George Saitoti and a number of high-ranking government officials were among the several thousand people on hand to greet the pope at Nairobi's international airport.

Kenya is the last stop on the pope's three-nation visit to Africa, which he has extolled as a continent of hope – especially if the West stops selling weapons to it and frees it from oppressive foreign debt.

"Africa shall live! Yes, Africa shall live!" the pontiff proclaimed to applause at a meeting Sunday night in the Johannesburg cathedral that closed two years of consultations with African bishops on church policy toward the continent.

Beginning the last phase of his six-day journey, the pontiff has been building on the theme that Africa, despite its unique history, customs and traditions, is an integral part of the worldwide church.

"Africa has had a long, sad history of exploitation at the hand of others. Today this situation continues in new forms," he declared.

St. Thomas confronts Hurricane Marilyn's damage without power, water, phones

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, US Virgin Islands (AP) – Military transport planes carrying tons of supplies arrived in St. Thomas yesterday as federal relief effort for these islands devastated by Hurricane Marilyn kicked into full gear.

"We need help," said resident Sheila Johns. "The Virgin Islands is going to be down for a long time." The hurricane left St. Thomas without power, water or telephone service.

Eighteen planes carrying 358,000 tons of cargo arrived overnight at the airstrip in St. Thomas, which took the brunt of the storm. The airlift included 300,000 military rations, potable water and ice, said James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"This is a massive response and has taken a combination of everything we have as a federal team to make this happen," Witt told reporters at a briefing in St. Thomas as the sound of C-130 cargo planes landing roared in the background. Some of the planes were coming from as far away as Germany and California, he said.

The fourth hurricane to hit the Caribbean in as many weeks struck the Virgin Islands and eastern Puerto Rico with ferocity Saturday, splintering homes, mangling parked aircraft and killing at least nine people.

Officials earlier reported about 50 people injured or missing in St. Thomas. Witt said yesterday that US Virgin Islands Gov. Roy Schneider had told him Sunday there were five confirmed fatalities, "and he did not say they still had anybody missing."

About 300 tourists have been flown from St. Thomas to Puerto Rico so far, relief officials said.

The American Red Cross was sending about 25,000 pounds of supplies, including plastic sheeting to protect damaged homes, and about 8,000 meals, said Debi Pfitzenmaier, speaking by phone from the Red Cross office in Atlanta.

In Charlotte Amalie, the capital, hundreds of men, women and children calmly took goods from stores at the severely damaged Grand Union plaza. No police officers were in sight.

"The people need what they can't afford," a man said as he searched for a pair of sneakers that fit in a Foot Locker store.

Witt said about 100 US marshals were in St. Thomas yesterday to stop looting. Schneider had quickly requested the help in hopes of preventing looting of the magnitude that occurred in St. Croix after Hurricane Hugo hit six years ago.

Then, local officials did not ask for military help for several days, and most businesses had been ravaged by the time soldiers arrived.

Farrakhan leads rally promoting million-man march

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WASHINGTON – Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan came here Sunday night and led an exuberant rally to promote his planned Million Man March on Washington, winning prolonged applause from 2,000 people at Union Temple Baptist Church and exhorting black men to take more responsibility for their communities.

Farrakhan said he has called for the march, scheduled for October 16, to help reverse what he sees as a failure of will and decline of morals in the African American community. He said he believes a huge gathering of purposeful, committed black men could help change the negative images of African Americans that he said are ingrained in the public mind.

"I have been hurting on the inside at the destruction of our people," Farrakhan told the crowd. He later said that "our cultural degeneracy has played into the hand of the master plan" for the destruction of African Americans, but did not spell out any details of such a plan or who might be behind it.

Much of his two-hour speech was enthusiastically received, but Farrakhan left many of his listeners in uneasy silence as he described the extraterrestrial vision that he said led to his call for the march.

Farrakhan told the audience that 10 years ago he had a vision of being swept into a UFO that took him to a larger mothership. There, he said, the late Elijah Mohammed told him that then-President Ronald Reagan was plotting a war. He said the vision ended with him being beamed back to Earth from the spaceship.

"I really don't care if you think I'm a nut," Farrakhan said, explaining to the audience that he had debated even sharing the story. He did not make clear how the vision, which he has described in previous speeches and interviews, had inspired the march.

The planned march has ignited widespread grassroots interest, but many traditional civil rights groups and denominational church leaders are reluctant to endorse the event, largely because of the prominent roles being played by Farrakhan and his co-organizer, former NAACP executive director Benjamin F. Chavis. *The Washington Post*

US money gets face-lift to foil counterfeiters

WASHINGTON (AP) – The US currency soon will be getting a high-tech anti-counterfeiting overhaul that will have holders of greenbacks seeing double.

Two portraits of an American historical figure will be on each bill, with one visible only when the bill is held up to the light.

It will be the first distinct new look for US paper money in 66 years, a redesign that some experts consider long overdue given the troublemaking possibilities from foreign counterfeiters.

The changeover will begin early next year with the $100 bill, a favorite of forgers. Existing bills will remain in circulation.

"We have an interest in protecting the integrity of our currency," said Treasury Undersecretary John Hawke Jr. "As technology develops the potential for more sophisticated counterfeiting, it gives us increasing cause for concern."

The most visible change will be to shift portraits off center.

An enlarged portrait of Benjamin Franklin will be moved to the left on the $100 bill, making room for a new watermark engraving. The almost invisible watermark portrait is among several new security features.

Officials said the watermark is extremely difficult to duplicate.

Eventually, similar redesigns will be executed for portraits on almost all smaller denominations – Ulysses S. Grant on the $50 bill, Andrew Jackson on the $20, Alexander Hamilton on the $10, Abraham Lincoln on the $5, and, of course, George Washington on the $1.

The exception could be the $2 bill, no decision has been made on whether to alter the largely commemorative bill.

Havel calls for speedy return of Jewish property

PRAGUE (AP) – Czech President Vaclav Havel complained Sunday about the slow restitution of Jewish property and called on municipalities to be more liberal in turning over the property to the Jewish communities.

While the state already has returned most Jewish property it held to the original owners, "municipalities, which also own some of the property, are not very eager to return it," Havel said in his regular Sunday radio address.

Czech law provides for full restitution of property seized by Communists beginning in 1948, regardless of the rightful owners' race or religion. It amended the law last year to allow restitution of Jewish property seized by the Nazis during World War II.

The amendment, however, concerned only Jewish individuals. Property taken from Jewish communities was to be returned under a special government decree. The decree also urged municipalities to return Jewish property they now hold.

"It is our obligation" to return the property, Havel said, adding that the issue is closely followed abroad. "The prestige of our state is at stake."

It was not immediately clear how many properties still await restitution.

In April, Jiri Danicek of the Federation of the Jewish Communities said that of the 202 nationalized properties for which restitution claims have been filed by the Jewish communities, about half already had been returned.

Body of female jogger found in New York's Central Park

NEW YORK (AP) – The body of a female jogger was found in Central Park, not far from where another jogger was raped, beaten and left for dead by rampaging teenagers six years ago.

The victim, who had not been identified by yesterday morning, was found face-down in a stream Sunday with her pants around her ankles, indicating she may have been sexually assaulted, said John Hill, chief of detectives in Manhattan.

An autopsy was planned, but police said she appeared to have died from a blow to the head.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called the weekend slaying – the first in Central Park this year – "a crime against all New Yorkers."

Central Park, encompassing a huge section of Manhattan, is a major part of life in New York City.

Two people running in the northeast portion of the park discovered the body at 9:20 a.m. The woman was described as Hispanic, about 30 years old.

Police believe the woman was murdered some time in the previous 14 hours. The last murder in Central Park was about 18 months ago, police said.

In the 1989 attack, a 28-year-old investment banker was found naked and covered with mud and blood in a ravine. She was in a coma for two weeks but later returned to her job and testified in court, although she remembered nothing about the attack.

Six young men were convicted on charges relating to that attack.

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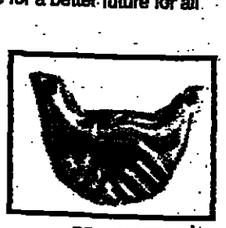


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Bangladeshi protesters clash with riot police in Dhaka during a 72-hour strike yesterday. Thousands of opposition activists marched through the streets shouting anti-government slogans in the longest strike in Bangladesh's history, at least 30 people were injured.(AP)

Officials: Shevardnadze's attackers arrested

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) – A top security official and a powerful warlord's chief aide were accused by the government yesterday of masterminding last month's car-bomb attempt to assassinate Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze.

In a dramatic announcement on national television, Georgian authorities also blamed the "terrorist group" for three major political killings. Interior Minister Shota Kviraya and Prosecutor-General Dzhamlet Babishvili said the group's leaders, members and the perpetrators had all been arrested.

They named Deputy Security Minister Teimuraz Khachishvili, 34, as one of the ringleaders, along with Georgy Gelashvili, the head of Georgia's Rescue Corps and top aide to warlord Dzhaba Ioseliani.

Both have confessed to their role, the officials said, adding that Rescue Corps members and lower-ranking security officials were among those arrested.

"The names of those who stood behind Kachishvili and Gelashvili will be made known in the next few days," Babishvili said, without elaborating or saying how many were arrested.

The announcement virtually pointed an accusing finger at Shevardnadze's powerful and theatrical rival, Ioseliani.

Gelashvili's so-called Rescue Corps succeeded the warlord's paramilitary Mkhedrioni (Horsemen) organization after it was officially disbanded last May.

Khachishvili, Georgia's interior minister until 1993, also is considered to be close to Ioseliani.

Both were arrested on August 30, the day after the 67-year-old Shevardnadze narrowly escaped death in a blast outside the parliament building in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital.

There were no direct accusations against Ioseliani, 68, in the special television broadcast Monday. But Babishvili, the prosecutor-general, promised to find and expose those who stood behind the political terror group.

Earlier yesterday, rumors spread in Tbilisi that Ioseliani was arrested at the city airport as he attempted to leave for Moscow, the Interfax news agency reported.

Although authorities denied those reports, Ioseliani's whereabouts remained unclear.

UN: Division of Bosnia is almost the same as peace plan

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) – Territorial gains by government and Croat troops in recent days have divided Bosnia nearly in half, which is the design of a US-sponsored peace plan, UN officials said yesterday.

But officials expressed concern that the peace initiative could collapse if troops continue to push toward the northwestern Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka, choked with up to 100,000 refugees.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, the region's powerbroker and chief peace negotiator for the Bosnian Serbs, called for an immediate cessation of hostilities throughout Bosnia. In a statement issued yesterday, Milosevic said the world should exert its influence on the Bosnian government and the Croats to stop their offensive.

His appeal came after talks with US envoy Richard Holbrooke, who is trying to broker an end to 40 months of war in Bosnia. UN and other sources are worried that if the huge Serb losses continue, Milosevic would have to break off negotiations and send the Serb-led Yugoslav army to reinforce their ethnic brethren in Bosnia.

Lt. Col. Chris Vernon said that the territorial split between forces of the Moslem-Croat federation and the Serbs is now about 50-50 and tilting toward the Bosnian army's favor.

He said the Bosnian army claimed the split was 52 for the federation and 48 for the Serbs, figures he could not immediately confirm.

The rebel Serbs on Sunday received an extra 72-hour reprieve from more NATO air strikes because NATO and UN commanders deemed they had made substantial progress in removing heavy guns from around Sarajevo.

The Serbs did not meet a deadline Sunday night to remove all their guns, but NATO and the United Nations said they had done well enough to gain another three days to finish the job.

Yesterday, UN officials had no confirmation on whether the Serbs were continuing to pull their heavy weapons from a 20 kilometer zone around Sarajevo to avoid further bombing.

Vernon said the Serbs had "made a substantial start" at withdrawing their tanks and big guns and had removed about 160 artillery pieces by Sunday night.

But Lt. Gen. Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Bosnia, was "not yet convinced that total, unimpeded freedom of movement has been achieved around and into Sarajevo." Vernon added.

UN General Assembly 50th session opens today amid budgetary woes

UNITED NATIONS (AP) – Facing a depleted budget and a dwindling diplomatic role in former Yugoslavia, the UN General Assembly of 185 nations opens its 50th session today.

The General Assembly convenes to elect Diogo Freitas do Amaral, a former Portuguese vice-prime minister and foreign minister, to the largely ceremonial post of president.

More than 100 foreign ministers are expected in town next week when the General Assembly opens three weeks of speeches by members outlining their foreign policy goals.

One highlight of the session will be Pope John Paul II's address to the General Assembly on October 5. The pope last spoke before the assembly in 1979.

The gathering will also be a time of soul-searching about the organization's role – focusing in particular on its mission in Bosnia, where a US peace initiative appears to have overtaken some four years of UN diplomacy.

Ministers are also likely to grapple with UN financial woes. The regular budget was exhausted in mid-August, and the organization has had to borrow millions of dollars from its peacekeeping allotment to keep functioning.

Members owed the UN $850 million in contributions to the regular budget as of August 31. The largest debtor, the United States, which owed $525 million, has repeatedly demanded that the organization streamline operations and slash expenditures.

Countries owed the United Nations another $2.9 billion for peacekeeping and international tribunals.

As part of the demand for UN reforms, Japan and Germany have been pushing for permanent membership in the Security Council, the 15-member body responsible for peacekeeping.

Critics have said the council, dominated by the five major nuclear powers – the United States, Russia, France, China and Britain – should be broadened to reflect current economic realities. Italy wants the council expanded by between eight and 10 seats, but that plan would not add any permanent members.

This week's General Assembly opening may be just a prelude to the October commemoration of the United Nations' 50th anniversary, attended by 100 heads of state.

WORLD BRIEFS

S. African police search for serial killer

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) – South African police said yesterday that they had found the bodies of eight women believed to have been murdered by a serial killer east of Johannesburg. Police commissioner George Fivaz told reporters the first body was discovered over the weekend by a police reservist hunting rabbits on the outskirts of Boksburg. Police searches uncovered seven more bodies.

Buthelezi threatens to quit

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) – Zulu nationalist leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has threatened to quit as leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party because of divisions in the party.

Buthelezi, the Home Affairs minister in President Nelson Mandela's cabinet, told a weekend rally that a split in Inkatha over whether to negotiate with rival groups or push for full autonomy for the traditional Zulu homeland could force him to step down.

Longest-serving IRA prisoner transferred

BELFAST (AP) – The British government transferred one of the longest-serving IRA convicts from England to a Northern Ireland prison yesterday, a small but significant concession. Belfast man Paul Norney, 37, is one of five IRA Army members imprisoned more than 20 years for trying to kill a police officer in northwest England in July 1975.

Alcohol abuse costs Britain $3 billion

LONDON (Reuter) – Alcohol abuse costs British industry £2 billion ($3.1 billion) a year and one in 20 Britons is addicted to drink, a charity said yesterday.

Alcohol Concern said 8.5 million people were drinking more than the recommended limits, causing absenteeism and poor performance at work, and three million were addicted to alcohol. Britain's population is 58 million.

The report stated that alcohol was involved in 15 percent of traffic deaths, 26 percent of drownings and 39 percent of fire deaths. It said up to 40 percent of child abuse cases were linked to alcohol.

Dahmer cremated, except for brain

MILWAUKEE (AP) – Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's remains have been cremated, although his brain was preserved while his parents argue over whether to give it to scientists for study.

His father, Lionel Dahmer, claimed his half of the ashes Sunday, while arrangements were being made for his mother, Joyce Flint, to receive the rest.

Flint wants her son's brain examined to determine whether biological factors influenced his actions. "Jeff always said that, if he could be of any help, he wanted to do whatever he could," Flint told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in Sunday's edition.

Simpson trial nearing end, focuses on shoe prints

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) – A key prosecution witness conceded yesterday that parallel lines in blood at the scene where football hero O.J. Simpson's ex-wife and her friend were murdered could have been a shoe print.

But William Bodziak, an FBI specialist in shoe prints, said the footprint was probably left by someone long after the killings. He was called by the prosecution to contradict defense expert Henry Lee, whose testimony suggested there was a second killer.

Lee testified that the parallel lines in blood at the scene were made by a shoe print and defense attorneys suggested it was left by a second killer. The pattern did not correspond to the victims' footwear or to a set of bloody footprints leading away from the crime scene, which were made by size 12 Italian designer shoes.

Bodziak, under cross-examination by defense attorney Barry Scheck, conceded that Lee's conclusion might be correct.

But he said the defense expert had noticed the parallel lines on a photograph of the crime scene taken on June 25, 1994, but they could not be seen in photographs taken on June 13, a day after Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death. He said this suggested they were made after many people had walked around at the crime scene.

In testimony on Friday, Bodziak said the "blood" may actually have been a red stain caused by berries crushed underfoot.

With the case lurching to an end after nine months of testimony, Bodziak was the last prosecution witness to take the stand in the rebuttal phase of the trial. The defense was due to resume its case following his testimony.

Simpson's attorneys want to bring on Dr. Frederic Whitehurst, an FBI "whistleblower" whose allegations of misconduct could undermine the credibility of FBI crime lab analysts who have testified on DNA blood tests.

Prosecutors say Whitehurst has no relevant testimony to give and will fight to keep him off the witness stand.

New York cabbies to learn English?

NEW YORK (AP) – New Yorkers are tired of cab drivers who don't speak English – and don't know where they're going, in any language.

Starting this week, the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission will get tough in testing would-be cabbies. As part of a new screening test for driver school, applicants have to prove they have a working knowledge of city streets as well as its language, New York's *Daily News* reported yesterday.

The action was a response to increasing passenger complaints about the drivers, 95 percent of whom are immigrants, according to the TLC.

Later this year, cab drivers who've been on the road fewer than five years also will be tested in English and city geography before their licenses are renewed.

And the commission will distribute about 100,000 taxi "report cards" allowing passengers to rate rides based on courtesy, service, attention to safety, communication skills, road knowledge and vehicle condition.

Rome mayor shelves plan to name street after Fascist

ROME (Reuter) – Bowing to pressure from Jewish groups and leftists, Rome's mayor said yesterday that he was shelving indefinitely his controversial plan to name a street after an architect of Italy's Fascist-era antisemitic laws.

The city council last Thursday voted 11-1 in favor of a plan by Mayor Francesco Rutelli to name a street after Giuseppe Bottai, Italy's education minister in Fascist leader Benito Mussolini's World War II dictatorship.

Bottai helped enact 1938 racial laws which ousted Jews from the school system and later from public jobs.

Rutelli, appearing at a news conference with Bottai's son Bruno, told reporters the formal street naming had been postponed.

A joint statement said the decision was taken "to encourage better dialogue and respect between the various cultural, social, political and religious bodies in Rome.

It added that the street would not be named until "a climate of peace and understanding could be guaranteed."

Rutelli, who was elected with support from leftists and environmentalists, said the "unshakeable moral opposition" of the Roman Jewish community had been a decisive factor.

A crowd of several hundred people demonstrated against Rutelli's plan on Sunday, with leftist councillors vowing to remove any name plaque once it was installed in the street near the city's Modern Art gallery in the Borghese gardens.

Bruno Zevi, a leading light in Rome's small Jewish community, expressed his delight, and said Rutelli had been impressed by the strength of feeling at a meeting with Jewish community leaders on Sunday night.

Report: Queen Mother bans Camilla from official gatherings

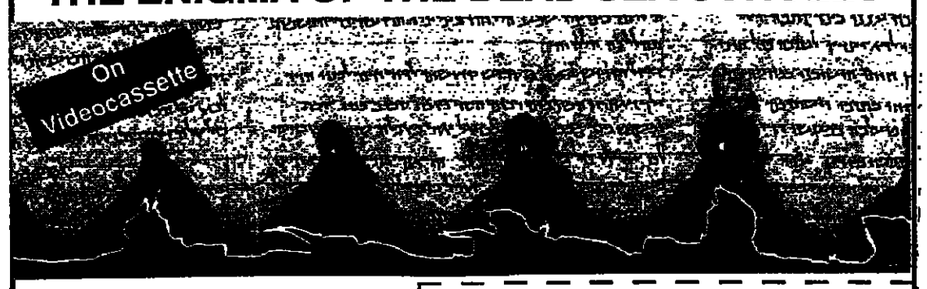
LONDON (AP) – Prince Charles' hopes of easing his mistress into his public life were dashed by his grandmother, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has twice refused Charles' requests to bring Camilla Parker-Bowles to official functions at her residences, the *Sunday Express* quoted a senior royal adviser as saying.

The Queen Mother does not object to Parker-Bowles personally, but wants to prevent her grandson from divorcing Princess Diana while he is heir to the throne, the newspaper said.

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Ethnic cleansing in Hebron

IT'S one thing for Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe to say that, unless the city's Jewish residents leave town, there will be no peace. It is quite another for B'tselem, which purports to be a human rights organization, to call on the government to expel them.

Natshe is a typical representative of the real Middle East, not the Middle East envisioned by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. The notion that in a town he views as strictly Arab there can be Jews living as neighbors rather than "dhimmies" is simply alien to him. He deems their presence anathema, and believes they should be expelled. He may not call it ethnic cleansing, transfer or exile, but neither he nor his townspeople make a secret of their aim to make the town *Judenrein*.

Natshe must know, too, that solving conflicts through population transfers is not new to the Middle East: it has been practiced here since before biblical times. But today such policies seem to be tolerated only when they are advocated by Arabs. A parallel suggestion by Jews would be greeted – justifiably – with disgust, derision, and condemnation.

As long as the suggestion is for the expulsion of Arabs, that is. If, say, the inhabitants of a small Arab village caused problems – such as an outbreak of murders, robberies, and thefts – for a neighboring Jewish town, B'tselem would never dream of suggesting that the villagers should be expelled. But even though the organization maintains it is not political, it now recommends a political solution to what it deems to be a human rights problem. The Jews in Hebron, says B'tselem, cause the Arab population hardship, therefore they must go.

In an interview with the Independent Media Review and Analysis, B'tselem's deputy director Eitan Felner said yesterday, "Any solution other than removing the Jews will inevitably lead to a violation of human rights." At a press conference the group claimed, "Coexistence between the two populations in the town is impossible. There is no escaping the evacuation of the settlers." When it is Jews who are affected, B'tselem does not consider uprooting people from their homes and forcing them to live elsewhere a violation of their human rights.

Like others who advocate the expulsion of Hebron's Jews, B'tselem claims that they are living in the town illegally. Nothing can be more offensive to the law and common sense. Not only are most of the Hebron Jewish residents living in homes owned by Jews who were slaughtered or expelled in the Arab pogrom of 1929; they, like all Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria, have a perfect right to reside there under international law.

A 1980 Israeli government paper on Hebron had this to say: "The right of Jews to return to their property in Hebron, and indeed to the entire region of Judea and Samaria, is based on the following considerations:

"A) This area was an integral portion of the one-time British Mandate of Palestine, in which the Jews had full rights of settlement, and, until 1947 owned considerable tracts of property. The entire area of Palestine was designated as a national home for the Jewish people and the illegal annexation of Judea and Samaria by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan cannot negate this right.

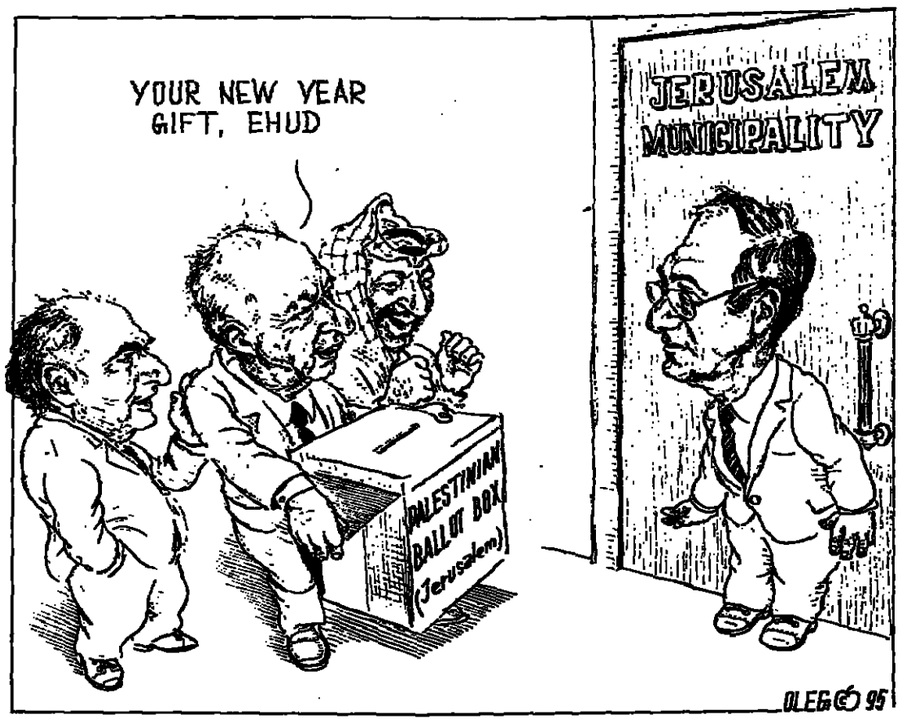
"B) International law does not prevent persons wishing to return to their property to do so, nor does it prevent the settlement of government land or property which does not involve the displacement of existing population..."

Even more pertinent is that the Jewish community of Hebron represents the continuity of Jewish habitation in the Land of Israel since biblical times. Apart from short periods following expulsions by Romans and the Crusaders, Jews always lived in the city, until an Arab mob slaughtered them. To suggest now that they be expelled again is to hand that mob another victory.

Nor is Hebron just another Judean town. It has a unique place in Jewish history. It is in Hebron that Abraham, according to the Bible, was promised that the Land of Israel would belong to the Jewish people, and it is there that the patriarchs and matriarchs are buried. King David first established his kingdom in Hebron, and he ruled there for seven years before moving to Jerusalem. It was in Hebron, too, that Bar-Kochba set up his headquarters in his war against the Romans. To suggest that the city be "free of Jews" is to mock the very essence of Zionism.

If anything, Hebron should become a test of the ability of Jews and Arabs to coexist. The Jews are not as small a minority as the numbers commonly mentioned would indicate. There are more than 6,000 Jews living in Kiryat Arba, a suburb of Hebron, and the number of Arabs in the town is closer to 80,000 than to the inflated figures cited by politicians. It should not be any more difficult for a town in which 90 percent of the population is Arab to live with a Jewish minority than it is for cities in Israel in which the numbers are reversed.

There are those in the PLO who have suggested precisely that, provided that the city government and security are in Palestinian hands. That both Israelis and Palestinians know that such an arrangement would subject the Jewish population to murder and mayhem is a telling symptom of what's wrong with the Oslo agreement.



A city, and a symbol

MOSHE DANN

ARE the 60 Jewish families in Hebron really holding up the "peace process," as the stalled negotiations in Taba seemed to indicate? If so, should they be removed?

Evacuating Jewish settlers and the police and soldiers who protect them is a scary prospect, endangering settlements in the area and threatening massive civil unrest. Shared policing of the city, something the Israeli negotiators are offering the Palestinians, is a prescription for direct confrontation between Arabs and Jews there.

Hebron isn't just another city; it is where Jewish history and destiny were founded, where our matriarchs and patriarchs lived and are buried. It was the first capital of the Jewish people under King David, before he went on to establish Jerusalem as his center. It stands alongside Jerusalem as a symbol of Jewish authenticity and meaning.

Over the past 400 years, Hebron has been world-famous for its scholars and teachers. In August 1929, Arabs slaughtered 67 defenseless Jews and maimed hundreds of others. The British police was unwilling to protect the Jewish community, and the survivors fled. For the first time, Hebron became an all-Arab city, and remained so until the Six Day War.

For the past 27 years, Jews have been living in Hebron and the surrounding area despite terrorist attacks and governmental resistance, ambivalence, and neglect. Following the ambush and murder of six students at Beit Hadassah, the former hospital in Hebron, in the spring of 1980, a large IDF presence was placed in the city. But that has not prevented constant attacks.

Although Hebron has been a center for Arab terrorists, the Jewish community there has clung tenaciously to its historic purpose and place. Its presence, albeit controversial, is a vindication of the sacrifices made by the victims of Arab riots, and a testament that the city's Jewish history will not be forgotten.

Hebron has become the testing ground for Arab and Jewish claims to the homeland

HEBRON HAS become the testing ground for Arabs' and Jews' resolve in backing their claims to their homeland, and for the future of the "peace process." Both sides offer competing and compelling reasons for being there. Jews rely on historic validity, the Arabs on demographics.

Only a large IDF presence has allowed both sides to coexist. But once the Israeli army is removed ("redeployed"), the area is likely to explode into a Bosnia-style war. No assurances have been given that this nightmare won't happen.

The future of Hebron is thus linked to a much more serious and underlying question: Can Jews and Arabs live together? Every time another terrorist strikes, the government responds on the lines that these attacks are aimed at sinking the peace process.

But is this true? Do the people who carry out these murders think about what Arafat and Rabin are signing, or are they simply determined to kill Jews? Is the political message, "We don't want the peace process," or "We don't want Jews here at all, anywhere," regardless of agreements?

Perhaps these terrorists are really for the peace process, since, following every attack, the government rushes to concede even more to the PLO, thereby fueling a cycle of retreat.

The issue therefore is not 60 families in Hebron, or thousands in the immediate area, but the future of every Jew living in the "West Bank," the Golan Heights and Jerusalem. Indeed, government policy in Hebron affects us all, for it raises questions about Israel's right to exist at all.

Is Hebron merely the next step in a calculated plan to remove all Jews from "Palestine"? If so, Hebron is not only about the past, but about what awaits us.

If government policy is to return to the borders of 1949, then that decision ought not to be made by a few individuals, but by the entire country. The issue strikes at the very roots of the country's democracy.

The government may argue that it has the power to do what it wants; but it has a moral obligation to bring the matter before the people. It stands either for the right of Jews to live in Hebron, or for those who would, if they could, make the whole country *Judenrein*.

The writer, a former professor of history, works as a tour guide.

Unclear stand

MARILYN HENRY

WHEN anyone in the Jewish community wants to get the word out, the first call is to the advertising office of *The New York Times*. But those with the financial benefactors behind the ads may not always have the political backers to support their claims.

The latest ad, sponsored by an ad hoc group of American Jewish organizations, appeared in Sunday's *Times*.

"Mr. Prime Minister," it says, "As you continue the arduous journey to peace, know that American Jewry stands with the Government of Israel."

Yes, but....

After agreeing with a general statement about the peace process, it is not clear where the majority of Jews stand, making these tough times for the politicians who appeal to US Jews, and for the organizations that say they speak in their name.

Until a few years ago, it was fairly easy to please the Jews. Now, said one US political observer, "Everyone wants to pander to the Jews, but they don't know what the Jews want."

That's a pessimist's view. An optimist, on the other hand, can argue that a public figure can take almost any position on the peace process and say with assurance: "This is what American Jews want."

American Jews support the peace process, but apparently not the details, according to the latest poll, which was released last week in New York by the American Jewish Committee.

While 68 percent still support the government's peace initiative – down from 84 percent in September 1993 – there is a growing distrust among American Jews of the PLO, only limited support for territorial concessions in the West Bank, and a majority oppose any significant return of the Golan Heights.

In its ad, the ad hoc group tells Yitzhak Rabin that it supports the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which is legislation authorizing a financial aid package to the Palestinians. But, according to the poll, 63 percent of American Jews said the US should not provide aid to the Palestinians.

US Jews support the peace process, but...

LAST JUNE, the organized American Jewish community was exercised over what position to take on legislation to immediately move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations came out with a statement of qualified support for the legislation.

But the Israeli government didn't want it. President Bill Clinton doesn't want it. And, according to last week's poll, apparently neither do 80 percent of American Jews.

"Maybe they don't know where the embassy is to begin with," one pollster suggested. "Do you think they know that Jerusalem is the capital?"

Snide though these questions may be, they may be fair.

One of the startling outcomes of the recent poll was a glimpse of what US Jews don't know about Israel. The years 1948 and 1967 apparently don't ring bells for many American Jews, and the majority don't know that Shimon Peres and Binyamin Netanyahu are in opposite camps.

"You don't have to pass an IQ test to have an opinion," said David Singer, director of research for the American Jewish Committee. "These opinions count in the real political world."

No doubt. In fact, 63 percent said that candidates' positions on Israel are important consideration when they vote in presidential elections. What, then, are public figures to do to appeal to the Jews, who appear to support the peace process, but turn thumbs down at many of the initiatives intended to carry it out?

American communal and political leaders cannot even rely on that venerable, standard appeal to the Jewish heart: "Jerusalem is the eternal, undivided capital."

When asked if Israel should be willing to compromise on the status of Jerusalem, 33 percent of American Jews said yes.

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An Arab view of Oslo

WALID M. AWAD

THE Oslo accords were designed to pave the way for a historic reconciliation leading to a peace agreement between Palestinians and Israelis, and, consequently, between Arabs and Jews. They were formulated so as to be able to satisfy the needs of both Israelis and Palestinians.

Palestinians see in them the beginning of the realization of their long-awaited dream: an independent state on the land occupied in the war of 1967, including East Jerusalem as the capital. Israelis see a beginning of the eventual end of their isolation in the Middle East, of acceptance and recognition by the Arab and Moslem world.

The accords will help the Labor/Meretz coalition government and the Israeli peace camp in general realize their Zionist dream of having a Jewish state as far as this can go; it will rid the Jewish state of the dual nationality problem it will face in the near future owing to the ever-increasing number of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. In the former Yugoslavia we see what happens when two different peoples lay claim to the same land.

As expected, the Oslo accords face strong opposition on both sides. The Israeli right-wing opposition parties, including the religious parties, see in the accords an end to the Jewish dream of a Jewish state on all the "Land of Israel." They also see the end of their wishful thinking (non-existence of the Palestinian people).'

Palestinian opposition to the accords is twofold. One is based on intellectual analysis, that there will be an inequality in the balance of power (such as the sharing of aquifers originating in Palestinian territories), or the control Israel will exercise on the connecting road between Gaza and the West Bank.

The second type of opposition stems from the issue of perceived rights and emotions. The Palestinians essentially believe that any bargaining with Israel over Palestinian territory is like bargaining over stolen property with the very thief that stole it by force.

Both Palestinians and Israelis stand to gain immensely. But Israel must let go

THE NEGOTIATIONS on implementing the second phase of the Oslo accords are nevertheless proceeding and gaining ground in spite of all difficulties. Common sense, justice, and adherence to the spirit and text of the accords seem to be the guiding principles, at least as far as the Palestinian side is concerned.

The logic of force as used by Israel to dictate solutions, as has happened in many areas, will not succeed. While it is true that that the balance of power is tilted in Israel's favor, it is also true, nonetheless, that Palestinians possess significant power of their own.

Both Israelis and Palestinians stand to gain immensely from the accords. If a proper economic system is established in the region, leaps can be made in joint advancement for the benefit of all in our area. If national aspirations are appropriately addressed, a smoother transition can perhaps be effected in the direction of the liberation from nationalism, and from closed state structures into some other arrangements based on constructive cooperation.

Much is needed to be done by the Israeli government. It must decide once and for all to let go. The tactics of small-detail negotiations are souring the talks. The transfer of spheres of authority should be completed in full, as agreed. Delays, as with the spheres of agriculture and communications, are causing concern among Palestinians, and casting dark shadows on the negotiations.

Israel's insistence on treating the city of Hebron as if it were partly Israeli, and the settler families forcing themselves on the city by the power of the gun, surrounded by barbed wire in the heart of the city's commercial center, is not in the least conducive to peace; nor does it show Israel's good intentions.

Israel, therefore, must decide to let go.

Oslo was the beginning. It was the door to a prosperous future. Widening this doorway to achieve the final objective – Israelis living in peace and harmony – is in the hands of all reasonable men and women.

The voice of reason must prevail. This applies particularly to the current Israeli government.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE MUST DEFEND OURSELVES

Sir, – I have traveled on the exact same No. 9 and 26 buses to Mt. Scopus countless times over the last few years here as I attended classes at Hebrew University. At the exact same time as the terrorist incident, on August 21. As I sat and thought of the terrible tragedy that occurred and the incredible luck with which I was spared, I became outraged.

Just the week before, I had wondered why Israel had closed Gaza if Arafat was really handling terrorism. And sure enough, despite Arafat's "efforts," just hours after Rabin and Peres trusted that all was safe and secure, they let the terrorists back in to Israel to murder Jews.

Every sane Jew in Israel and abroad wants a real peace between Arabs and Jews, and no one is overjoyed at the prospect of Israeli soldiers stationed in Gaza, Judea or Samaria. However, there is a basic logic and reality that has long been overlooked. Jews will do a better job than Arabs in fighting terrorism because it is our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and fathers and mothers who are the ones being murdered.

When listening to Arafat's speeches in which he refers to the murderers of Jews as "our brothers," I know that he is not genuinely serious about fighting terrorism. Doesn't everyone know it? Is there one Jew in the world who believes Arafat has a stronger desire to fight terrorism than Jews – who are defending their families?

Put the security of Jews back in the hands of Jews! This was why the State of Israel was founded. It is perhaps the only way to make sense of the Holocaust, to say never again – never again will Jews allow others to defend them. Who is it that Rabin and Peres are asking to defend us? Yasser Arafat, the man who is responsible for the murder of more than anyone since Hitler.

CRAIG WEISS

Jerusalem.

WE ARE ALL SETTLERS

Sir, – Through its misguided policy and its utter disregard for those who disagree with it, the government has succeeded in splitting the nation and setting brother against brother. It is sacrificing our most precious asset, peace at home, for a fictitious scrap of "peace" signed with a bloody hand. As part of its strategy of divide and rule, the government, with the connivance of its captive media, is also trying to drive a wedge between those Israelis who live across the Green Line (the settlers) and the rest of the population.

It is not, as Abba Eban suggested, a three percent minority versus the people of Israel. At least half of the nation opposes, in varying degrees, the Rabin-Peres-Meretz policy of capitulation. This opposition comprises a broad spectrum ranging from the moderate center to the far right, from diverse religious camps to committed secular Zionists.

We must resist every attempt to differentiate between "them" and "us." The settlers are not only struggling because they want to save their own homes, or because they alone believe in Eretz Yisrael; they are also fighting to defend from impending disaster all who sit in the present comfort and security of their homes in greater Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba.

John Kennedy, when he proclaimed "We are all Berliners!" understood that West Berlin was not expendable. He understood the moral and psychological importance of West Berlin to the Western alliance. To give up on Berlin, he knew, would be a signal to the Soviet Union that the West lacked the will to defend its own vital interests.

The settlers, by their very presence, are similarly placed in the front line in the ongoing battle for the survival of Israel. In this spirit, we too should proudly claim "We are all settlers!"

GILBERT HERBERT

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Haifa.

THE WORLD BANK AND PEDCAR

Sir, – In Pinhas Inbari's article of September 13, "West Bankers put weight against compromise," there are certain statements that are false. There has been no meeting between the PA and the World Bank to end the role of PECDAR. In fact, the World Bank signed in July a new agreement with PECDAR (signed by Abu Ala) to continue the Holst administration under PECDAR and a new three-year credit of $20 million under PECDAR for an education and health project. At this time, PECDAR remains the only instrument for flow of funds to the economic program used by the World Bank.

However, it should be noted that PECDAR is designed to be a transitional organization and is to continue until the PA ministries reach the strength and capacity to carry out normal development activities. That is, PECDAR is only a means in building a modern economic administration and was never envisaged to be a permanent substitute for a functioning government. In particular, the PA's ministry of finance must take on an increasing role in consolidating the administration of expenditures. It is extremely unwise to have expenditures autonomously committed outside of a centralized budget system.

Also it should be recorded that all funds under the World Bank's administration are managed under the same procedures as in other countries. In particular, the accounts are audited by international accounting firms and all contracts for projects are subject to competitive bidding. That is, the same standards of accountability and transparency that characterize World Bank projects in other countries are maintained for the West Bank and Gaza projects administered by the World Bank.

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West Bank and Gaza Resident Mission

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Rosenshein, tenor of the times

HELEN KAYE

BY day tenor Neil Rosenshein rehearses *Carmen*, which opens the new season at the New Israeli Opera on October 5.

By night builder/entrepreneur Neil Rosenshein pulls out his laptop and starts surfing the Internet for information on marshmallows.

"When was the last time you had a homemade marshmallow?" he demands, and explains that his next venture will be a restaurant "serving real marshmallows and hot chocolate the way they made it in Mozart's time."

He will be working on that between upcoming concert performances of *Carmen* in San Antonio, Texas and Palermo, Sicily, and a full production of *Die Fledermaus* at New York's Metropolitan Opera. And, of course, his current stint, singing Don Jose at the NIO opposite Kathryn Harries in the title role.

"Work is my hobby," he says simply. "I don't like to be idle. What do you do when you sing on Saturday and have nothing to do till Wednesday?"

But he has to be coaxed into admitting that he "builds things. My father was an electrician and I used to help him. I like working with my hands. I do it all, from finding and buying the land to handing the keys to the tenant."

That's to say he designs the buildings – "it's so easy with the software that's available – is his own contractor, and then markets the finished product.

Rosenshein is a burly, handsome, thoroughly likable man, about 1.82 metersin his socks. When he smiles, which is often, all of him seems to get lighter. He loves being here. He adores Tel Aviv "even though I don't usually like heat or noise or dust, here I go out all the time and sit at noisy outdoor cafes, listening to people toot their [car] horns."

Sitting on a bench in the central rotunda of the opera house, Rosenshein looks around and approves of what he sees, saying "whenever I see a new opera house I think of the enormous political courage it takes to build it. It becomes a meeting place for all the arts and creates a true cultural center for a city."

Although Rosenshein is making his debut with the NIO, this is his second visit. The first was 13 years ago to sing *The Rake's Progress* with the Netherland's Opera at the Israel Festival.

"I was overwhelmed," he says of the experience. "I got off the plane and saw the flag with its blue star of David waving over the terminal, and I burst into tears. All the stars of David I'd ever seen were so tiny, and here were these huge flags. All the way to Jerusalem I couldn't speak. I'm not religious. I don't know what happened."

He wasn't religious, he says, even when he worked as a cantor at synagogues around New York to help pay his tuition at New York's prestigious Juilliard School. He worked as a cab driver too, and "my parents helped."

However, Rosenshein, 47, grew up in an Orthodox home on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. He started at Juilliard while he was still in high school. He graduated in 1972 and his first professional opera was in Cocoa Beach, Florida, where he sang Count Almaviva in *The Barber of Seville*.

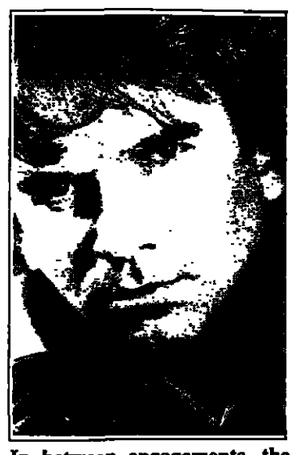
His professional break came in 1980 when he auditioned for Leonard Bernstein, who was looking for an American tenor to sing his newly composed *Songfest*.

"To understand this story, you have to know that I never drink, I don't like the taste," Rosenshein says earnestly, "but before important auditions I used to drink half a glass of red wine to steady my nerves."

Every young American tenor was at that audition, he recalls. The custom was to prepare three arias, but Rosenshein had 11, "everything from Mahler to Jacques Brel."

Ten minutes before the scheduled time of his audition he knocked back his half glass, went in and was told that the maestro was running late. This happened twice more "and by the time I got in there, I was feeling great, floating, and when Lenny asked me 'what do you have for us?' I just reeled off all 11."

He got the job and sang *Songfest* with Bernstein all over the world "which was a great break for my career, but it was an even bigger break for my life because I got to know Lenny. It's not that he made me a star. I'd have become what I've become anyway, but he made me a better artist because he was such a great one.



In between engagements, the opera singer designs buildings and plans restaurants.

Most people just show you pictures, you know, like seeing a picture of the Western Wall [instead of] looking at the real thing. Lenny ... took you there."

ROSENSHEIN also loves acting – he went to Juilliard with the intention of becoming a singing actor – and "my understanding of the characters ... gets deeper each time I do a role."

As for Don Jose in particular, "he's so psychotic. Before you even meet him, he's killed someone. He's a failed priest. He's not so hot at personal relationships and is probably one-eighth Jewish because he's guilty about his mother.

"I'm not sure yet how this Don Jose will come out because we're still working," Rosenshein says. "Externally, he's less passionate because I have an English director [Stephan Lawless], and an English Carmen [Harries]. He's not weaker or less intense, but he's more withheld, so maybe when he finally explodes, it'll be huge because he's held it in so long."

Lenny Kravitz strikes a pose

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

THE parting shot in the CD booklet for Lenny Kravitz's *Circus* (Helicon) features dreadlocked Lenny in full frontal glory, with only a black band around his middle and a wisp of feathery, black something or other dangling just below his pubic line. Another shot features him stark naked, halfway through a hoop and sporting a lion's tail.

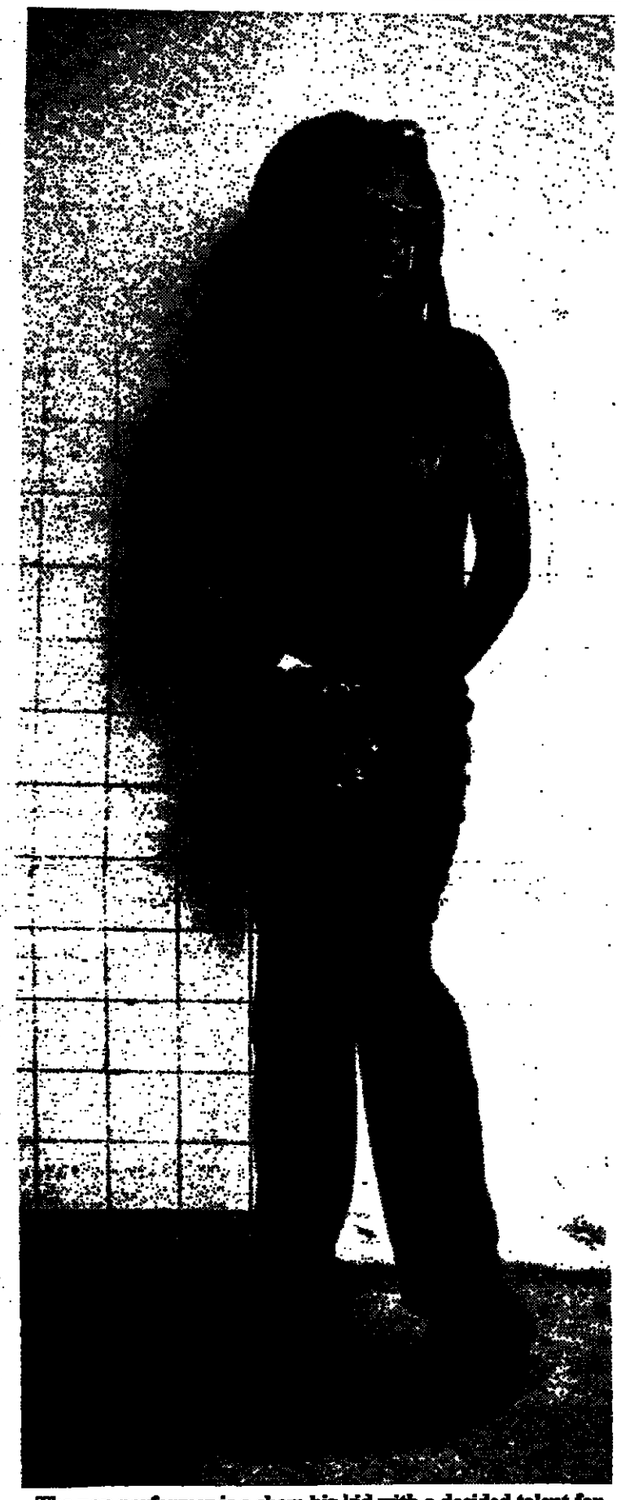
The album, in which Kravitz, as usual, pays extravagant tribute to the innovators of the past is less newsworthy. Still, it comes much closer to living up to the promise of his debut "Let Love Rule" than did the pop pretensions that followed.

Kravitz, the son of a Jewish TV producer and a black TV actress, is a show-biz kid with a genius for striking poses with panache and a decided talent for recycling the highlights of the past.

Nonetheless, his heart does seem to be in the right place. Even when he's copying Seal's vocals on a song reminiscent of old Jackson Browne, as he does on "Can't Get You Off My Mind," he's chalking up one more for the romantic world view.

The album is full of singles that'll sound awfully good on the radio, and there is plenty to be said for its optimistic theme of "Rock and Roll Is Dead" but "God Is Love" which ends on a note of yearning for "Resurrection" promised in the final cut.

Kravitz is a somewhat limited talent, but a conscientious hard worker. Catchy tunes and solid musicianship plus a penchant for the visions of his parents' generation may not make him a true heavyweight but they do earn him his place in the current rock firmament – to say nothing of multiplatinum sales.



The pop performer is a show-biz kid with a decided talent for recycling the highlights of the past.

LIKE Kravitz, the British group Blur (now considered Britain's top four-piece band) borrows heavily from the past on its new album *The Great Escape* (NMC).

This is a concept album of the old Beatles school about, according to the liner notes, "a world at once frightened and soothed." However, the Eighties group Madness seems to be its biggest musical influence, with reference to everyone from the Kinks to Freddie Mercury, David Bowie, the Smiths – in fact the whole encyclopedia of British pop.

Clever lyrics about "Stereotypes" in the suburbs, and the "Country House" escaped to by a narrator who sings "I'm a professional cynic. But my heart's not in it" are tempered by the wistful "Best Days."

Cheeky-faced lead singer/songwriter Damon Albarn, the son of a father who had been involved in psychedelic rock in the late Sixties, may be no latter-day John Lennon, but he's got something.

The mix of idealism and anger that kept him going as a Marx-toting, earringed teenager termed a "pouf" by schoolmates at a provincial vocational school serves him and the band well.

With this, their fourth album, the group is aiming to conquer America.

Their lively and interesting arrangements that include banjo, Mellotron, German waltzes and "zonked-out" keyboards don't seem quite as innovative as they're cracked up to be, but they'll definitely do.

And there is something to their vision of the 21st century on Prozac painted in "The Universal," with lyrics such as "No one is alone/ Satellites in every home," but "I'm so sad I don't know why."

Wraps are off 'surprise' TV guest

JOEL GORDIN

THE TV show *This Is Your Life*, presented by burly, gravel-voiced Amos Ettinger, has become a Rosh Hashana institution, like cards and honey-dipped apples.

Since the start of ITV, Ettinger has presented sketches of the lives of giants like Golda Meir, Yitzhak Navon, Avigdor Kahalani, Shoshana Damari, Chaim Herzog and Haim Topol, to name only a few, in the format of a program copied from the US and UK.

This year's show, previewed to the press over the weekend, features the life of Shmulik ("Shamluk") Machrowsky, who is not exactly a household name. For the record, Machrowsky is the veteran manager of the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball club. He pointed out in one of his few witty moments that he has been the club's manager almost as long as Ettinger has been presenting *This Is Your Life*.

Nevertheless, it's reasonable to ask why, even if Ettinger wanted a sports hero, he chose as the subject of his show the shy, colorless Machrowsky.

Why not one of the top players or coaches like Ralph Klein and Mickey Berkowitz or, at least, the headline-grabbing Maccabi club chairman Shimon Mizrahi?

The answer soon becomes clear. It seems Ettinger deliberately wanted someone who would blend into the background and play second fiddle to the real hero of the evening – Aulcie Perry.

This former Maccabi star, it will be remembered, was jailed in the US for drug dealing after he left Maccabi and Israel.

He is currently on parole and, by pulling many bureaucratic strings, Ettinger was able to bring him back for a tearful, touching reunion with his former teammates.

Perry's entry onto the stage and into the program was a "surprise" in the original filming.

However, the incident was afterward leaked to the press and "the return of Aulcie" became headline news, described in minute detail from every angle.

Ettinger makes the point that there was a strong friendship between Machrowsky and Perry, but nobody will be bothered about Machrowsky after Perry takes the stage, crying real tears.

At this point *This Is Your Life* becomes The Aulcie Perry Show – and some thinking people may have a problem with this.

Perry was, after all, not a political prisoner, but a convicted felon. Sure, he paid his debt to society and deserves a second chance in life – but does he deserve to be a made a national Israeli hero on nationwide television on Rosh Hashana?

At any rate, the show is a fairly interesting walk down memory lane for the country's hoop freaks, who relish every anecdote about the days when Maccabi Tel Aviv beat the best in Europe.

It will be shown in two parts, on September 26 and 27.

Poetry missing from Psalm-based event

CONCERT ROUNDUP

SELECTING the Book of Psalms as the subject of an all-night program is a fascinating idea. The way it was realized last week resulted in quite a few missed opportunities.

The event, entitled "Cantorial Concert," concentrated on the Eastern European tradition only. Highlighting the two present-day centers of this synagogal style – Israel and the US – the glorious voices of Haim Adler, Moshe Shulhof and Ben-Zion Miller, authentic representatives of this tradition, following in the footsteps of the legendary Yossele Rosenblatt, provided a welcome experience. But the multi-faceted pluralism of Israel's cantorial styles, reflected in numerous Sephardic and Near Eastern communities, was entirely absent.

The concert "Psalms in Classical Music" entirely ignored the rich repertoire of psalm settings from the Renaissance and Baroque to the Classics and Romantics. In so doing, the universality of the psalms as an integral part of world culture was treated as something irrelevant.

The Cantus Choir, conducted by Ricardo Hegman, which is hardly capable of filling even a medium-sized chamber-music hall with its meager presence, was completely out of place in the vast dimensions of the Mt. Scopus Amphitheater.

Yeheskel Braun's extremely delicate *Psalms* and Leonard Bernstein's fascinating *Chichester Psalms* consequently became a case of love's labor lost.

The Ra'anana Symphonette, conducted by Yeruham Sharovsky, could not have found a more unsuitable work than Partos's subtle *Psalms for Strings*, and became hopelessly lost in this context.

Rafi Kadishsohn's Concerto for Peter Wertheimer – the versatile soloist playing alternately on saxophones, flute and clarinet – is a loosely constructed, eclectic piece of elements drawn from Romantic and jazz styles of the incidental theater music that is the composer's home base. Its claimed relation to a quoted psalm verse, although commented upon profusely in the program notes, remained obscure.

The "Psalms in the Oriental Communities" event turned out to be a misleading title.

The authentic folk instruments were replaced by synthesizers, electronic keyboards and a jazz drum set. The psalm texts were degraded to a pretext for just another commonplace pop performance.

At this point, this reviewer called it a day – or, rather, a night – and did not hold out through the rest of the proceedings until sunrise.

Mt. Scopus Amphitheater and Halls, Jerusalem, September 14.

Ury Eppstein

AN ALL-Mendelssohn program as the season's opener of the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba, conducted by Uri Mayer, if not particularly innovative, is certainly most welcome – provided that these well-known works are presented in an uncommonly outstanding performance.

This, deplorably, is not what happened. The Violin Concerto was rendered in a respectable standard performance. Russian-born Mark Peskanov delivered it with with flowing ease, drive, and polished technique, though the work's lyricism did not seem to be one of his major concerns.

As for the rest, it is hard, with all the best of intentions, to find a good word to say. It takes a lot of pretentiousness to attempt performing a demanding work such as the *Midsummer Night's Dream* incidental music with singers (soprano Gladys Mayo and mezzo-soprano Ruth Halbani), a choir (Hemiola) and an orchestra that are incapable of conveying even a hint of its most characteristic and endearing quality: its feather-weight fairy-like lightness.

Jerusalem Theater, September 11.

Ury Eppstein

CONTRARY to the program notes, Yinam Leef's *Vision of Stone City* was not a premiere – this had already taken place in Prague – but a local first performance in the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's opening concert of the season, conducted by David Shallon.

A tumultuous first movement – abounding in skillfully manipulated, somewhat commonplace, contrasts of various instrument groups – was followed by a dream-like second movement, evoking a more appealing atmosphere that gradually faded out into the void. What remained unclear was the connection of the work's title with the music itself.

Richard Strauss's *Don Juan*, in its first JSO performance, is still highly Romantic. It expresses the great lover's joie de vivre, mischievousness, even his amorousness, with none of his Mozartian namesake's demonic qualities. Shallon and the JSO delivered an admirably brilliant, exuberant rendition of the work.

Gil Shaham, at 24, displayed remarkable maturity and subtlety in Beethoven's Violin Concerto, playing with a clear, polished tone, conjuring up song-like lyricism in the second movement and winged sprightliness in the Rondo.

Jerusalem Theater, September 13.

Ury Eppstein

AN endearing quality of violinist Gil Shaham's playing, in the first concert of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's recital series, together with pianist Orly Shaham, is its subtlety and mellowness, as well as the clarity and exhilarating expression of the work's energy and exuberance, set the tone for a chamber-music evening that was a pure delight.

Orly is not just the little sister but, at 20, an amazingly talented pianist in her own right. Her decisive yet well-rounded touch expresses a forceful musical personality, remarkable temperament, sense of musical form and of clear-cut, significant articulation. With a sure grasp of even the fastest tempi, the duo's perfect togetherness of playing never sounded breathless or hurried.

Intense but not overdone, warm-blooded emotional expression in Dvorak's and in Cesar Franck's Sonata contributed to an exciting performance, no less than might be expected from more mature and experienced musicians.

Jerusalem Theater, September 16.

Ury Eppstein

THE Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion opened its season with a program that was not festive enough for the occasion, yet suggested that the orchestra, which most of the year works in the pit, is on the right track to becoming a solid concert orchestra.

All that was evident when playing Dvorak's Ninth ("New World") Symphony under the competent yet far from inspiring baton of Samuel Wong. In this opus, which can be dubbed as a concerto for orchestra, every section of the orchestra emerged at its very best.

The opening piece on the program was more problematic. Mischa Maisky, a very fine lyrical and expressive cellist, decided to avoid the obvious repertoire and perform Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante for cello and orchestra, simply because he is about to record the piece. It was a bad choice to begin with, above all for a season opener. Granted this opus comprises some fine moments of superb composition, but on the whole it is rather dull and Maisky was not able to convince us of its real importance.

Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, September 14

Michael Ajzenstadt

Tel Aviv of yore draws the young

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

MISSING KISSINGER

An adaptation of Etgar Keret's novel. Directed by Jack Messinger. Music, Aran Dmur. Hebrew title, *Ga'agaai Le-kissinger*. At ZOA House Tel Aviv.

Solo ..... Uri Hochman
Cellist ..... Karni Postel
Cellist ..... Orit Messer
Double Bass ..... Guy Steraberg
Viola ..... Ella Frimstein
Percussion ..... Roy Bar-Ness

REVIEWED here after its first performance at this year's TheaterNetto, this 1½-hour show was hailed as a novel, nostalgic and highly sophisticated musical drama. Played by a remarkable comic, Uri Hochman of the mobile mouth and elastic eyebrows, in collaboration with a quintet of original, highly "mod" musicians, it struck a refreshing note of relief amidst the starkly intense monodramas favored in this framework.

Now transferred to the commercial stage, it attracts enormous audiences of quite another caliber.

Attracted to the personality of the now popular stand-up comedian, teenagers flock to revel in his offside sabra humor, as well as to empathize with the fantasies, ecstasies and torments of the neighborhood adolescent he so dazzlingly portrays.

Parents and evergreen grandparents – for yes, they too number among the enthusiastic followers – find elements such as the sensitive literary skills of the young author, the sophisticated collage of classical, rock and jazz music, and the original orchestration by the director just as rewarding.

Showbiz effects aside – visual ones are entirely absent on the absolutely bare stage – this is a saga of the old Tel Aviv neighborhood with deep literary, social and human underpinnings.

Vibrant and colorful, it populates the stage with a world of airhead characters and street oddballs, their lifestyles and their perplexities.

The episode on the seashore between the adolescent virgin and the good-hearted whore is one of the most delicate and deeply moving of these.

If the interaction with the musicians is less exploited here than in the original, this still remains a novel and stimulating show, and just as significant as stylish light entertainment as deeply felt local drama.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	8	GIDI GOV	SONGS FROM 'GOV NIGHT'
#2	1	24	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	APPLES AND DATES
#3	RE	1	RITA	THE GRAND LOVE
#4	18	5	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#5	NEW	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS	HIT LIST 4
#6	RE	1	VARIOUS ARTISTS	HIT BOX 9
#7	7	27	ARIK EINSTEIN	FILLED WITH LOVE
#8	3	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	IT'S ALL FOR YOU
#9	5	7	VARIOUS ARTISTS	NOW 31
#10	NEW	1	HOT CHILI PEPPERS	ONE HOT MINUTE
#11	RE	1	SCATMAN JOHN	SCATMAN'S WORLD
#12	25	2	GYPSY KINGS	GREATEST HITS
#13	6	7	ABBA	GREATEST HITS
#14	11	2	RIKI GAL	COLLECTION
#15	9	2	GLYKERIA	GOLDEN HITS

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE – re-entry



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Israeli, Arab ministers discuss regional projects

JOSE ROSENFELD and news agencies

THE trade ministers of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority met yesterday in Amman to coordinate regional projects to be presented at the Amman conference on the *Development of the Middle East* and North Africa at the end of the month.

Economics Minister Yossi Beilin said he and his Arab counterparts were seeking to compile a list of joint projects for which they would seek financing at the three-day conference which opens on October 29.

"Today's meeting is very important. There is consensus among participants on the priority projects for the region," Beilin said yesterday.

He said the projects included highways, bridges on the Jordan River, water development, a joint electricity network, the Israeli-Jordanian-Egyptian Riviera along the Gulf of Eilat, and the joint Eilat-Akaba airport.

US Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Joan Spero said yesterday in Jerusalem that the Amman conference's focus would be to promote a public/private sector partnership to advance business development in the region. As a result, the priority is to establish a regional development bank, a regional business council, and a tourism board.

Despite staunch German opposition to the creation of the regional development bank, "we have every expectation that a bank will be announced in Amman," Spero said. She noted that the Europeans have mixed views on the issue, and although they would like to present a common European position in Amman, she doubted whether that would be possible.

The international task force on the establishment of a regional development bank will be meeting in Washington on October 6, to complete the bank's plans. The only question that remains, according to Spero, is "who will all the members be."

US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk said he expected that the US business delegation, which will be the conference's largest, will attract businessmen from the Gulf states and Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian, and Egyptian businessmen will benefit in the process.

Israel Chambers of Commerce President Danny Gillerman yesterday said he was pessimistic in the short-term about trade relations with Arab countries. In particular, he pointed to Jordan's delay in signing the completed trade agreement with Israel. "The fact that a year after the signing of the peace treaty with Jordan the trade agreement is not signed reduces the significance of the Amman business conference," he said.

'Extremism may hinder Mideast investment'

AMMAN (AP) – Extremism and violence in the Middle East could drive away American investors from a region that has become attractive because of prospects of an overall Arab-Israeli settlement, two US executives said yesterday.

Carter Beesee, vice chairman of Alex Brown and Sons Inc., an investment firm based in Baltimore, Maryland, said: "extremism and violence will send wrong signals to potential American investors and negatively affect their perception of the region.

"Stability in Jordan, for instance, is impressive, but investors look at the region as a whole," he said.

Wayne Harber, manager of the Denver, Colorado-based Stone Pine Capital, said it was still early to invest in the region because stability "is an essential requirement in the eyes of investors."

"From an investor's perspective, if you do not see the peace climate improving, you will pack and leave," he said. "The more stability you see, the lower the risk is for the investor."

Harber and Beesee spoke to The Associated Press at the end of a three-day annual meeting that brought together delegates from 30 American pension funds.

The 80 participants, who represent the US Pension 2000 Investments Group, also explored investment opportunities in Jordan, a resource-poor country looking to foreign capital for help to cure its ailing economy.

Delegates were scheduled to arrive in Israel yesterday.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

US official US Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Joan Spero, head of the American delegation to yesterday's US-Israel Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG) talks in Jerusalem, said Israel's economic performance has been impressive in the past year. She noted, in particular, how the country has successfully tackled the problems of massive immigration and inflation. Spero pointed to the drop in unemployment and in housing prices – which had significantly contributed to inflation last year – and economic growth as very positive. *Jose Rosenfeld*

N. Carolina to open trade office here: North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt announced yesterday that his state would open a trade office here by November 1 to promote technology and business ties. He said Israel is a springboard for a larger regional market which would develop as progress is made in the peace process.

Hunt led a delegation of about 100 business leaders, academics, and state officials. Trade between North Carolina and Israel reached about $110 million last year.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said Israel could open markets for North Carolina firms in eastern Europe. *AP*

US pension fund managers to attend conference: Managers of the hundred largest US pension funds, representing assets of $500 billion, will take part in a three-day business conference beginning tomorrow. According to the funds' investment policies, managers are required to invest 10 percent of their accumulated assets outside the US. They are currently in Jordan examining potential investment possibilities there. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Ormat signs pact with Russian fuel concern: Ormat Industries yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with the Russian fuel concern GazProm. The two firms hope to create a joint venture to provide Israeli and Russian equipment to gas turbine power stations supplying between 600 kilowatts 6,000 kilowatts. Target markets are both Russia and other nations.

GazProm, Russia's leading gas company, is the largest provider of natural gas to eastern Europe. *Rachel Neiman*

Pharmos has completed a $9 million private offering in which 6m. units at $1.50 per unit were offered. In one year, they will be exercisable at $1.80 per share. The financing "strengthens our balance sheet and provides operating resources through the early part of 1997," CEO and president Haim Aviv said. *Rachel Neiman*

Hadar to buy 10% of Sinai: Hadar Insurance signed an agreement yesterday to purchase 10% of Sinai Insurance Agency for about NIS 3m. Sinai, which is traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, has investments in a number of insurance firms. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Lynn is new Bezeqbit chairman: Former MK Uriel Lynn took over as Bezeqbit's new chairman of the board yesterday, replacing Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kanl. The Bezeq subsidiary was established to import, supply, and sell peripheral telecommunications equipment which the parent company cannot deal with, due to to recent Communications Ministry directives. *Judy Siegel*

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday denied a request by the firms Vitalgo and Elmo to file a NIS 1.5b. representative lawsuit against the Israel Electric Corporation. The two companies claimed they, and other businesses, had suffered damages as a result of June's power outage.

The court said the suit was not valid since the firms are not considered consumers according to the consumer protection law, and were charged NIS 50,000 in lawyers' fees. *Rachel Neiman*

PM: Power now depends on science, technology

JUDY SIEGEL

THE power and influence of a nation in the 21st century will depend less on its size and more on its scientific and technological infrastructure, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the National Council of Research and Development at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, Rabin said that when the Cold War ended, the big powers decided to divert much of their resources from military might to civilian purposes. This occurred, painfully, in Israel, too. Today, however, civilian research and development are supplying both the country's own military and world markets with its advances, Rabin said.

The premier told the 51-member council – comprising leading scientists, industrialists, and representatives of ministries and institutes of higher learning – that Israel spends 2.2 percent of its GDP on civilian R&D, compared with 1.3 percent in Italy and Canada, 2.1% in the US, and 3% in Japan. Although much needs to be done, the premier noted that Israel is a leader in many scientific fields.

Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni said the rejuvenated council (originally chaired by David Ben-Gurion and inactive for years) must serve as a government adviser. "Tell them that the economic future lies not in stock markets, real estate, bed-and-breakfast facilities, and casinos, but in scientific R&D," she declared.



PM Yitzhak Rabin and Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni attend the inaugural session of the National Council of Research and Development in Jerusalem yesterday. (Flash 90)

Aloni added that she was "angry" that the government had not approved next year's Independence Day theme as "Education and Science," but instead chose "Education and Industry." The minister said she hopes the science theme was not rejected so as not to upset the religious "due to the influence of Rabbis [Eliezer] Schach, [Ovadia] Yosef and [Arye] Deri."

Council chairman Prof. Yitzhak Pamas, a neurobiologist at the Hebrew University, said many promising scientific minds, especially among immigrants, are going to waste due to budgetary constraints, and that industry would never allow such waste by keeping useful factories closed down.

'Exports won't continue to grow'

RACHEL NEIMAN

EXPORTS have risen sharply over the past three years but the Israel Export Institute does not see the impressive growth continuing into 1995.

"To our regret, we fear a change in the trend primarily [due to] the Bank of Israel and the Treasury's erroneous exchange rate policy," said outgoing Export Institute chairman Uzi Netanel.

Netanel yesterday presented the institute's annual statistics in advance of National Export Day, being marked today.

Netanel said the policy of reigning in inflation by freezing the exchange rate was "damaging to export profitability on one hand, while the increasing trade deficit threatens continued market growth on the other."

He called for a 6% to 8% currency devaluation followed by a long-term policy of maintaining real exchange rates.

The Export Institute also called for implementation of recommendations made in Horowitz report formulated in the 1960s. These include the establishment of a loan-guarantee fund to assist exporters in marketing abroad and in creating joint ventures with foreign companies.

The report also called for training of small exporters, liberalization of foreign currency regulations, maintenance of export profitability and increased foreign trade risk insurance.

Exports (including diamonds) increased 13.9% in 1994, to $16.88b., from $14.8b. dollars in 1993. Projected growth for 1995 is 13%.

The US represented 31% of 1994 total exports, as compared with 29% in 1993. The EU represented 28% of total 1994 exports, down from 35% in 1993. Exports to Eastern Europe doubled to 4%, from 2%. Exports to Asia made up 19% of total 1994 exports, from 16% in 1993.

Electronics was the leading export industry, capturing 29% of the total export pie in 1994. Chemicals represented 18% of total exports, machinery, 14%; textiles, 9%; metals, 8%, rubber and plastics, 5%, food, 5% and other products 12%.

There are currently 1,801 Israeli companies active abroad.

Nexus, American Paging introduce new paging device

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NEXUS Telecommunications Systems of Givatayim and American Paging yesterday jointly announced the introduction of TAG Pager, a low-cost paging device capable of both sending and receiving messages.

Nexus is a 34.6 percent-owned affiliate of BVR Technologies. American Paging is an 82.4% subsidiary of Minneapolis-based Telephone and Data Systems. The TAG Pager technology was developed under a joint venture called American Messaging Services.

The pager is expected to appeal to the mass market by delivering two-way capability at an anticipated retail price of $200.

The first model will be available during the first half of 1996 and will be manufactured under a licensing agreement with Samsung Electronics.

The company recently received an order from the Russian paging company Inform Excom and will deploy its Moscow network by August 1996.

Nexus also announced yesterday it will begin tests of a vending machine monitoring system with Mashkar, Israeli's leading vending machine operator.

The applications integration will be executed by Nexus and the Contop systems house, an integrator of control and management systems and developer of vending machine monitoring units.

The two will integrate Nexus's two-way messaging and location system for vending machines.

Mordechai Yona sues Lloyd's of London

DENNIS EISENBERG and URI DAN

LLOYD'S of London was sued in the High Court of London yesterday by head of Yona International and president of Israel's Building and Contractors Association, Mordechai Yona, for the nonpayment of a $26 million insurance claim, according to Yona's attorney Shraga Biran.

Yona International says that the insurance giant originally agreed to pay the claims, however, over the past 3½ years, has avoided the payment through protracted litigation.

In 1984, Yona, who was invited by Liberia to create jobs in the poverty-ridden country, started a $26m. forest rehabilitation program which was covered by a political insurance policy issued by the French insurer La Reunion Francaise, together with the Paris Pool – a conglomerate of 15 major French insurance groups – and UIC.

The French firms re-insured the business with Lloyd's underwriter and its accredited broker.

Yona International paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in premiums to cover the policy's 1989-1991 period.

During that period, however, a revolution in Liberia broke out, and the country's new leader expelled Yona and expropriated his forest concession.

In 1991, Yona made a claim for compensation after waiting one year from the start of the revolution, as stipulated by the policy. The claim was accepted by Lloyd's underwriter, and a claims adjudicator recommended payment.

In 1992, the insurers accepted there was a loss in principle, and promised to offer compensation within 30 to 60 days.

Some four months after the agreement, however, the French insurers and Lloyd's turned around and rejected the claim.

"As all the syndicated, brokers, and underwriter of Lloyd's are either in liquidation, bankruptcy, or retirement, they are not dealing with the claim on a normal commercial basis," Yona said.

Three months ago, Lloyd's made an offer to settle the claim but it was rejected by Yona.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

To receive recorded information by phone or fax:
1) Telecial, 03-6388883 (information on building tenders)
2) Telecial, 03-6389363 (information on results of tenders)

Central Region

Bids are invited for the planning rights by agreement, with an option for land rights, in *Netzer Sereni, Rehovot.*

Tender 1004/95/Mem Resh

The Israel Lands Administration (hereunder "the Administration") announces its intention to award planning rights, as defined in an agreement, for 91 dunams of land, on which the Administration has determined that at least 500 housing units may be constructed together with auxiliary services, including the option for further uses of the land along Derech Yavne.

The site, within the jurisdiction of the Rehovot Municipality and mostly part of Netzer Sereni, is situated in blocks 3654 and 33656, whose borders are drawn in the tender documents (hereunder "agreement borders"). The successful bidder will also receive an option for the rights, in the form of a development agreement, of an area extending over about 50% of the land, according to its value and subject to the change of its use and approval of the new plan, with the exception of the commercial areas and services in the new plan.

The tender booklet, including a set of diskettes with photogrammetric maps, will be available from 11 a.m. on October 18, 1995, on submission of a receipt from the Post Office Bank for NIS 1,000 (cash only, including VAT) for a payment in Israel Lands Administration account 0-24180-0, Central Region, 88 Derech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-5628383, during regular working hours.

A bank check or guarantee in the amount of NIS 500,000 is to be attached to the bid as a deposit.

Last date for submitting bids: November 11, 1995 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tender box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

The Administration reserves the right to accept any bid, or to reject all bids, including the highest, and also reserves the right to extend the date of the submission of the bid, to alter the conditions of the tender (if all bidders are informed), and to negotiate with all or any of the bidders.

This notice is for general information only and does not obligate the Administration in any way, neither as to content nor the dates mentioned here. The conditions are as published in the tender booklet and its appendices.

רשות מקרקעי ישראל



ICL to cut TAMI staff to 210

ISRAEL Chemicals (ICL) board of directors has decided to reduce the work force of TAMI, its research arm, from 300 to 210.

TAMI will remain independent, with its own board of directors, reversing a decision made before the Eisenberg group bought ICL. The previous board decided to integrate TAMI into the parent company.

In addition, TAMI can now provide R&D services to firms not belonging ICL. *Rachel Neiman*

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (19.9.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.875	4.875	5.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	4.625	4.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.825	2.625	2.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.825	1.825	1.875
Yen (10 million yen)	–	–	–

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (18.9.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4077	3.4927	—	—	3.4394
U.S. dollar	3.0216	3.0704	2.98	3.12	3.0430
German mark	2.0306	2.0634	1.99	2.10	2.0469
Pound sterling	4.6685	4.7498	4.58	4.81	4.7048
French franc	0.5904	0.6000	0.58	0.61	0.5950
Japanese yen (100)	2.9179	2.9680	2.86	3.01	2.9409
Dutch florin	1.8133	1.8426	1.78	1.88	1.8271
Swiss franc	2.5015	2.5419	2.45	2.58	2.5204
Swedish krona	0.4213	0.4281	0.41	0.44	0.4236
Norwegian krone	0.4657	0.4733	0.45	0.48	0.4690
Danish krone	0.5251	0.5336	0.51	0.55	0.5282
Finnish mark	0.6838	0.6950	0.67	0.71	0.6869
Canadian dollar	2.2121	2.2478	2.17	2.28	2.2280
Australian dollar	2.2808	2.3174	2.24	2.36	2.2892
S. African rand	0.8222	0.8355	0.74	0.84	0.8280
Belgian franc (10)	0.9871	1.0031	0.97	1.02	0.9948
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8990	2.9456	2.83	2.98	2.9107
Italian lira (1000)	1.8754	1.9057	1.84	1.94	1.8867
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.11	4.38	4.2754
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.93	0.8986
ECU	3.8108	3.8723	—	—	3.8986
Irish punt	4.7930	4.8480	4.68	4.92	4.8068
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3902	2.4186	2.33	2.46	2.3981

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0430	-0.10%
Sterling	NIS 4.7046	-0.28%
Mark	NIS 2.0469	+0.09%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4780.41	-17.16
DJ Transport	2000.39	+3.25
DJ Utils	207.46	+0.73
DJ Comp	1621.47	-1.45
NYSE Industr	332.95	-0.14
NYSE Transport	286.87	+0.77
NYSE Comp	312.56	-0.44
S&P 100	582.57	-1.16
S&P Spot Index	582.77	-0.66
AMEX Comp	547.87	-2.71

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	778	849	1408
Volume up (in 1000's)			121120
Volume down (in 1000's)			156072

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3533.3	-31.2
Tokyo Nikkei average	18319.1	-439.4
Singapore all-share index	517.07	+3.5
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9770.05	-27.35
Israel index	156.38	-0.11

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	53.625	+1.75
Ampal A	6.25	+0
Aryt	1.0625	+0
BioTechnology	3.25	-0.125
Carmel Cont	13.375	-0.5
Frutarom (electrochem)	4.125	0
Elscint	2.875	+0
Etz Lavud	8.875	+0.25
Etz Lavud A	7.125	+0
Laser T.	9.9375	-0.4375
PEC	25.875	-0.125
Tadiran	23.25	-0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	27.5	-0.75
Aladdin	11.875	+0.75
Accent	15.75	-0.25
4TH. Dimension	6.25	+0.125
BVR	7.875	-0.375
Converse	21	-0.75
Data (Delaware)	11.125	-0.125
DSP Comm.	32	-1.25
ECI	21.625	-0.875
Edunetics	1.625	+0.125
Edu-Soft	6.125	+0.125
Electric Fuel	8.5	+0
EPR	68	+1.75
Elbit	21	-0.25
Elron	10.875	-0.25
Eshed Robotec	0.9375	+0.03125
M. Systems	4.125	-0.5
Gilat	27	-0.375
ISG	4.25	-0.25
Geotek	8.5	+0.125
Health Tech	1.8125	+0
Idan	0.59375	-0.09375
IIS	2.8125	-0.1875
Indigo	30	-1
Isramco	0.53125	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	11.75	+0.125
Israt	0.21875	-0.03125
Lannet	26.125	+0.4375
Lanoptics	17.125	+0.625
Magal	3.75	+0
Medis-Al	1.375	0
Mercury	27.25	+0.125
Magic	8.375	-0.25
Opal	20.1875	-0.0625
Orbotech	12.125	-0.4375
Oshap Tech	3.0625	-0.1875
Pharmos	2.3125	-0.28125
Rada	4.4375	-0.3125
Scitex	19.8	-0.8125
Silicom	2.5	+0
T.A.T. Technol	3.5625	-0.0625
Taro Vit	7.375	-0.25
Teledata	8.5	-0.125
Telegraph	1.75	0
Tower Semicond	34.125	+0
Teva	38.5	-0.375
TVG	1.0625	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound	spot	1.5475	+0.0013
	Dec future (CME)	1.545	-0.0012
D-mark	spot	1.4622	-0.0071
	Dec future (CME)	0.6784	+0.004
S-franc	spot	1.2058	-0.0017
	Dec future (CME)	0.8367	+0.0021
Yen	spot	103.39	-0.83
	Dec future (CME)	0.009816	+6.8e-005
CanDlr	spot	1.3621	-0.0041
	Dec future (CME)	0.7317	+0.002
AusDlr	spot	0.7557	-0.0032
	Dec future (CME)	0.7523	-0.0045
F-franc	spot	5.1039	-0.0203
It Lira	spot	1604	-5.5
Nlg	spot	1.6596	-0.0071
AusShg	spot	10.455	-0.04
Rand	spot	3.675	0
ECU	spot	1.2542	+0.0051
Bonds	future	113.719	-0.8125
S and P	future	587.7	-1.4

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.8125	0
Dollar	6 months	5.8125	+0.0313
Dollar	12 months	5.8125	0
Sterling	3 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	6 months	6.75	+0.0625
Sterling	12 months	6.6875	0
S-franc	3 months	2.875	0
S-franc	6 months	2.8125	-0.0625
S-franc	12 months	2.8125	-0.0625
D-mark	3 months	4.1875	-0.0313
D-mark	6 months	4.1562	0
D-mark	12 months	4.1875	0
Yen	3 months	0.4375	0
Yen	6 months	0.5	0
Yen	12 months	0.5	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1288	+3
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	124.2	-5.55
Sugar no 11 (Oct) (CEC)	10.83	+0.06
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	482	+6.25
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	661.75	+30
Orange juice (Nov) (CEC)	112.8	-3.15
Crude oil light (Oct) (CEC)	18.98	-0.31

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	922	+0
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	2441	+32
Brent crude oil (Oct) (IPE)	16.97	0

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold	spot	385.5	+0.55
Silver	spot	5.57	+0.09

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	389.7	+3.7
Silver (Dec)	5.565	+0.07
Platinum (Oct)	441	-0.3
Palladium (Dec)	143.05	+0.45
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.2675	0

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	385.25	0
Gold PM fix	385	0
Silver fix	5.545	0
Platinum PM fix	427.25	0

Months in parentheses signals contract exp. date

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Name	Price	%chg
Commercial Banks		
IndDevBK	21478	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MariC	157.00	
MishkanC		
OHH	158589	-0.5
Trade	516	-0.8
TradeC	154.00	
Mortgage Banks & Finance		
Adanim	326279	
Carmel	585	
CarmC3	268	-3.2
FinIMB	40310	-3.0
IndepMB	69423	
J lemC	128.00	
JlemBnk	190.00	
LeumiMBR	48248	
Mizhv	6541	
TefahotR	169996	5.0
Financial Institutions		
Insurance		
mivtahsha	1017	
Ayalon	412	
AyalonC		
Elian	363	-1.8
ElianC1	212	
Hadar1	481	
Hadar5	444	
HamishmrC	222	0.5
Hamishmr1	1738	-5.0
Hamishmr5	1594	0.8
Menorah1	948	
Menorah5	929	-0.5
Phoenix1	2090	
Phoenix5	1964	
Sahar	728	
Zion5	9886	-1.0
Trade & Services		
hashmira	528	7.1
idshau	901	-0.8
ravvys	2837	-0.5
naco	2100	-0.2
BezekW2	282	1.0
BndWhtC1	134.00	
BndWhtC2	130.00	0.4
BondWht1 L	2727	-0.8
Clzg0.1	40690	
Clal Comp	8912	
ClalCmpC	157.50	
CorBeach	1466	
Crystal	1732	-2.0
DanHotl1	1798	1.0
DCL	721	-3.5
Elad	105.50	
Feldman	219	
GanHadar	218	-0.6
GanHadC	210	
GranitC1	111.00	
GranitW2	56.50	-5.8
HGIC1	139.00	
HGIW1	54.50	83.5
HGI1	349	-9.4
Intgama1	2798	0.3
Intgama5	2726	4.5
Lioz	1694	
Mafil	1103	3.0
Medtech	456	
MedtechW	604	-1.5
MLLC1	193.00	
MLL1	233	
Repsc	1827	
Reshef	102.50	-1.9
ReshefC1	177.00	
Team	1974	-0.5
TeamC1	188.50	
Tellyp	883	1.2
Topline	288	1.4
Yaad	883	8.1
YaadC1	126.00	
Yaana	1634	9.0
Yeda1	1038	-1.0
Yona	532	-0.2
Industrials		
ashotashk	149.50	
imco	439	1.4
solog	509	
wilger	98.50	3.1
yehodasti	590	
AclessC	124.00	
Alliance	1281	1.5
Alony	279	-1.1
AlumIt1L	12071	-2.5
Angel	7629	-2.3
Argaman	610	0.5
Aryt	319	0.3
ArytC1	51.00	1.0
Ashply	2339	
Ashplyc1	184.00	
Ashtrom	830	
Azmon	440	
AzmonW1	80.00	-18.4
Azmuth	424	
Belmon	577	-4.0
Boulo	202	-1.0
BouloC1	209	1.5
CablesC3	136.00	
CablesW3	284	-1.0
Caroline	534	0.2
Cargal	1112	5.5
Castro	1307	
Cham	393	-1.0
CldStrC	243	-0.4
CldStr0.1	2079	-1.0
Clnd C3	185.50	
Cyclone1	4823	-1.0
Cyclone5	3471	
CyclonC1	162.50	
CyclonC2	108.50	
Dafronci	190.00	0.3
Dafron1	1960	
Decision	421	-0.8
Delta 1	1480	-0.3
Delta5	1518	
DubekB	13364	0.5
DubekR	13995	
EldanTec	42.60	0.9
Elcoind	6095	
Elctrncs	738	1.0
Elctr 0.5	8576	-1.3
ElectrG4	288	
EshdRbtc	545	0.6
Evrot	633	-0.8
Fertlzr5	743	
Fert0.1	673	
FeuchtW1	8469	
Five J	421	
FrutarC1	220	
FrutarC2		
GiborC1	98.00	1.1
GiborSab	279	-7.0
GiborW2	128.50	-0.4
Golan	919	-5.0
Hatehof	371	3.1
Hatehof5	177.50	-1.1
Hod	479	0.2
Holtz	264	
IsrCan1	3274	
Jaf-ora	398	1.0
Kadmany1	260	1.8
Kedem	6613	
KedemC2	189.50	0.3
Kelar	587	-0.2
KlfanC1	140.00	
Kili	2316	
Kil5	2282	-0.5
Lipski	3236	1.3
Lodzia1	1258	
Lodzia4	1122	
LuhotGal	72.50	-5.2
MacPell	268	
Magam	531	1.0
Maxima1	1400	
Maxima5	1281	1.0
Mel Eden	1422	0.3
Modgal	906	-0.2
Mazaica1	748	
Mazaica5	848	
NegCeram	409	0.6
Nahusht1	1006	-1.3
Nahusht5	614	
Naviot	1062	-5.3
Nice1	2980	2.5
NMC	609	2.6
Ofis	690	
Ophir	334	0.3
Orbit1	342	
Ortra	421	
PackerW2	9059	
PazChem	380	-0.3
Pilca	1070	2.0
PolgatA	252	0.4
PolgatC1	186.50	0.3
Polygon	536	-0.2
PolygonC	171.50	
PCB	838	
Rabintex	110.00	-7.2
RabintW	26.00	
Sanlakol1	209	
Sano1	1413	1.2
Sano5	1338	
Selen	462	-0.4
Shemen	14978	
Spotrax	367	0.5
Sunfrost	5693	
Taal	297	-0.3
Tadiran	877	2.0
Tambour	781	-1.3
Taste	547	-1.4
Tadea	1460	0.3
TevaC		
Tiv	544	
Tobias1	536	
Topper	119.50	0.8
TATC1	182.00	
TAT1	612	
Unibar1	655	5.0
Unibar5	270	8.0
Vitalgo1	403	-1.9
Vulcan	230	
VulcanC	172.50	0.3
Wardinon	17972	-0.2
WardinW3	7740	
YtongC2	388	
Zahavi4	258	-1.3
Zika1	1571	
Zika5		
Zikri1	3383	
Zidi5	3193	
ZionCab1	604	
Zoharind	407	-1.9
Property, Building & Agriculture		
buildpro	478	-1.8
jacobshr	173.50	1.2
saved	248	-0.4
tzartsl	461	-0.6
wallson	75830	
y.stang	155.50	
Airov	1665	-2.0
Arazim	291	3.9
Arazim C1	184.50	1.1
Ariadan1	1337	-0.2
Assis	1230	
AssisC4	137.50	
AssisW2	69.50	10.3
Assuta	1148	9.0
AssutaC1	216	
AzorprC1	264	0.4
AzorProp	600	-1.5
Barano1	721	-8.7
Bayside5	30721	
BaysidC1	32856	
BenYaKar	1740	0.5
BenYaKrW1	289	
BenYharC	90.00	
BldgRes	2529	-2.0
CohenDev	800	
Contectr	1250	5.5
DanKner	1482	-1.0
DanKnerC	164.00	0.6
Dazad1	163.50	-0.3
Dunber	5354	2.7
Engel	445	-0.2
Gazit	580	2.8
GoldHous	298	
GldHousC	168.00	
Hamasif1	1385	
Ispro	3245	-2.0
Isralom	1931	-3.3
IsralomC	221	-0.6
IsrasC1	187.00	2.5
Isras0.5	4941	-0.5
Isras1	5128	
Jaysour1	125.50	-0.4
Jordan	501	-4.8
LaznIC1	113.00	-0.9
Laznick	298	0.4
Litshiz5	175.00	
Lumir1	2644	
MalibuC2	124.50	
Malibu1	899	0.8
MarLazC2	99.00	-1.0
MarLazW3	79.50	-7.0
Minrav	9657	5.0
Mishnael	159.50	-3.0
MTM	1819	
NeotAvv	1248	-6.5
OctC1	131.00	
OctW1	2597	2.5
Ohollab	846	1.0
Oz	291	-0.3
Pargod	1492	3.0
PriOr	6178	-0.2
RedSea	528	
Rogovin1L	1318	
Rogovin5	1310	
Rotem	429	2.4
Shaked	422	
Tashluz	580	
Investment Companies		
darbon1	2268	0.8
isye	1062	0.3
Ackers1	1271	
Ackers5	1154	1.2
AfnarC	510	-1.0
Ampa	141395	1.5
Arad	4631	-0.3
Azr sC2	173.50	0.8
Baruch1	1746	
Baruch5	881	-9.8
Clal50	7164	
DanbarC	226	
Danbar1	2787	1.0
Edgar	134.00	0.4
EdgarC2	141.00	0.4
Elem	3558	-8.0
Ereh	179.50	
ExportC4	210	
Gahelet	6678	
Hamen	2686	2.5
Hilan	343	-0.9
HilanW4	194.00	
Hiron5	6437	3.0
Iscal	1111	0.3
IDLC8	195.50	-0.3
JoelC1	159.00	0.3
JoelC1A	159.00	
Kaclan1	398	
Kitaf	274	
Magor1	2111	
Magor5	2026	8.0
Moleti	502	
Olar	12626	-2.0
Pama0.1	951	
Rim1	297	-1.0
Rim4	262	-0.4
SaharDev	1936	
Securit1	1843	0.5
SecuritC	125.00	-1.2
SecuritW	222	-3.0
SAPANHASP	970	
TayaC	264	-0.4
TaasC1	193.00	1.3
TaasShra	65.50	
Unico	5766	-3.3
Oil Exploration		
MGN1	923	
PARALLEL LIST		
Trade & Services		
afrisrtal	686	1.8
arkia	1453	6.5
pitek	800	
idoins.	138.00	1.8
isaberts	155.00	0.6
redsecahf	179.50	
tin	493	1.0
AllenW1	760	-2.3
Comtec	479	
Dalin1	2.80	
Danal	1398	-1.0
Data	843	-3.0
Eltech	959	-3.0
Greenbrg	247	
ILDCHOT	457	-0.2
Kind	69.00	
Kopel	179.00	-1.9
KopelC1	167.50	-0.9
MZPK	571	
Nirun1	792	
Regency Ho	153.50	-0.3
TrendLin	1082	1.0
Property, Building		
s.dori	249	
ztonihetz	61.00	
grandcr	152.50	-1.0
pandor	389	2.1
Adler	218	
Bar—Ton1	1800	
Caesarea1	4598	-5.3
Danly	880	
GazitW1	307	7.0
GzitC1	298	
ICP5	27855	3.0
Lazmich	287	
Lanstn1	808	-1.0
Melisron	1004	-0.3
Rassco	1771	-1.5
Scandia	78.50	-1.9
ScandiaC	95.00	-1.0
UnicomG1	163.50	
Unicom1	94.50	
Unicom5	103.00	
Industrials		
aboodesign	96.00	0.5
kadoorsign	326	
lipman	1655	-2.0
maanwhid	718	0.7
phyton	352	-1.4
rachart	449	
techem	1059	-0.3
tolnauer	500	-2.2
veramtrix	92.50	
zinmetal	1840	
Aduram1	210	-0.9
Brosh1	204	1.0
Dexter	1910	-2.5
Eltam	170.00	12.6
Gali	186.00	-7.9
Kingt	815	3.0
Lahein1	2364	3.0
ManC1	160.00	-0.3
Man1	134.00	-4.6
MLT	1508	
Neca	26483	
NecaG1	194.00	
Orazit	306	3.0
OrazitC	91.50	
OrdaPrnt	1649	-3.0
Pollak1	711	-0.6
Poseidon	55.00	5.8
Shradot	107.00	6.4
Tibnvest	285	
Investment Companies		
Ildar	800	-4.8
marathon	76.50	0.6
Atlan	1794	0.2
Binyan	49290	-0.5
Mirage	123.50	-0.8
Optima	133.00	-1.1
Regent1	351	1.2
Yissum	82.50	
Oil Exploration		
Abjac	8.90	
Avner	2.70	-3.6
DIKOEx1	1702	-0.5
Naphtha	21.60	-3.6

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
electrac	3677	5.0	17400	3756	2.0	4032
nacional	260	2.5	267000	234	-7.9	209935
Ackerlin	487	1.2	30000	481		9352
Atris 0.	410586	2.7	365	403593	1.0	71
Atrisr	365670	3.0	144	358569	1.0	92
Agan	5107	1.0	26600	5031	-0.5	9444
Agis	2494			2494		13979
Azorim	3825	1.5	23500	3768		19112
ALPM	16424	2.7	4400	16184	1.3	4176
Baran	2331	1.7	7200	2320	1.3	4702
Bezek	900	2.0	396000	882		141631
Canies	1894	-3.0	3600	1885	-3.5	5525
Clal Ele	38523	3.7	3350	37409	0.7	1952
Clal ~1	755	0.5	5000	751		6275
Clal 1u	7959	1.7	5400	7822		2472
Clalins	1482	2.5	51000	1453	0.5	31309
Cldstr 5	1964	2.5	29700	1940	1.3	3900
Clnds	1852	2.0	78000	1834	1.0	13288
Coop	1921	2.7	44000	1870		16758
Danbar 5	2550	-2.0		2550	-2.0	3000
Dead Sea	810	0.2	20000	808		22145
Degem1	1024			1024		10000
Delek	8800		3800	8800		4040
DevtMB	19810	-2.5	240	19810	-2.5	866
Disclnv	19850	0.7	8190	19712		3300
Elbit	21761	1.7	3920	21387		2036
Elco	12758	2.5	5580	12447		2480
Elite 5	1290	2.0	45600	1265		7295
Elron	11468	0.2	3240	11325	-1.0	2929
Evergr n	2131	-1.0	2100	2153		
Export	1329	-0.2	1200	1325	-0.5	8826
FeuchtW5	6622	0.7	1750	6573		1722
Fibi	44447	1.2	1320	43898		815
Formula	1618	1.7	8400	1610	1.3	3056
Frstint1	36343	2.0		36343	2.0	424
Frstint5	36840	0.5	150	36840	0.5	1383
Frutarom	1236	-1.2	48000	1233	-1.5	42590
General	8865	0.7	400	8799		170
Grand	477	-2.0		477	-2.1	23588
Hapoalm	527	1.5	318500	519		148059
Hapolm	9032	0.5	800	8987		1178
IndBldg	390	2.0	72000	387	1.3	85735
Isramco	2.4	-2.2		2.4	-4.0	4612403
IsrCorp1	22548		770	22492	-0.2	2009
IsrCorp5	21077	0.7	640	20920		224
IsChem	228	-0.5	434000	228	-0.4	101331
IDB	1047	0.5	45000	1042		64153
IDBDev	5235		10850	5235		1324
ILDC	912	4.5	82000	873		19117
JEC	1118	4.5	114000	1070		55781
JOEL	85.5	2.5	210000	85.0	1.8	140030
Kardan5	376			376		
Kitan	774	-1.0		774	-1.0	42076
Koor	28980	2.5	3990	28556	1.0	3625
Leumi	442	1.0	297000	440	0.5	279142
Litshiz1	248	0.7	64000	246		35184
Makhtesh	1759	1.2	55000	1737		22264
Makbu5	807	1.0	22500	799		17327
Maman	750	0.7	108000	744		32636
Marit1	1620	0.5	4000	1612		6546
Mashov	404	-1.0	16000	403	-1.2	27217
Mehadrin	7697	0.7	1400	7640		1236
MeirEzra	1312	-1.2	15000	1319	-0.8	9528
Mishkan	30990			30990		204
Mivtah	1478	-1.5		1478	-1.5	3000
Multlock	1145	0.2	13500	1133	-0.8	2442
NatoiDS	4.9	-3.0		4.9	-3.9	1405119
Ocif	7960	0.2	1250	7940		3203
Ormat	546	2.2	54000	534		36204
Osem	2244	1.7	14700	2211	0.3	6075
PazoilEx	584	0.5	5000	581		9216
Pecker	14757	0.5	360	14684		817
Pericles	2316	0.5	4500	2304		10919
Petrchem	1785	-0.5	6000	1776	-1.0	6099
Piryon	9680	-0.5	180	9656	-0.8	1264
PolgatB	279	-0.2	21000	279	-0.4	58350
Rogosin	2952	-2.5	6300	2967	-2.0	8428
Secom	322	-1.2	15000	319	-2.1	23898
SelaPump	86.5	0.2	30000	86.5		75390
Shilon	11142	0.7	1200	11059		761
Steel	327	1.7	84000	316	-1.6	7729
SupersIB	6065	0.5	4500	6035		8014
TefahotB	171725	0.7	27	170447		11
Tempo1	1238	1.5	18000	1223	0.2	4533
Teva	116979		2295	116979		1232
TAT5	341	-2.2	48000	340	-2.6	14541
Urdan 0.	495	3.0	56000	483	0.4	29035
Ytong	974	2.7	64000	957	0.9	34440

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
Alza	23.125	+0.5
AMP Inc	40.25	-0.875
AMR Corp	73.625	-0.625
ASA	43.25	+0.125
Abbott Labs	41.375	+1.375
Acme Cleveland	26.25	-0.25
Advanced Micro	34.375	+0.375
Aetna Life	70.25	-0.25
Affiliated Publ	8	+0
Aflac	40.25	+0.125
Ahmanson (HF)	24.125	-0.75
Air Prods	55	-0.25
Alberto-Culv B	31	+0.5
Albertson's	33.125	+0
Alcan Aluminum	33	-0.75
Alco Standard	85.875	-0.375
Alex & Alex	24.75	+0
Allegheny Power	24	+0.125
Allied Signal	45.125	-0.125
Alcoa	55.125	-1.375
Amax	34.25	-0.625
Amdahl Corp	10	-0.125
Amerada Hess	50.125	+0
Amer Brands	42.75	+0.25
Amer El Power	34.75	-0.375
Amer Express	43.5	-0.875
Amer Genl Corp	37.875	-0.5
Amer Greeting	30.375	+0
Amer Home Pr	79.75	-0.375
Amer Intl	84.5	+0.875
Amer Natl Ins	60	+0.375
Amer Stores	30.25	+0
Amer T & T	58	-0.25
Ameritech	52.5	+0.25
Ametek Inc	17	-0.125
Amoco	64.75	-1.125
Analog Devices	34.125	-0.125
Anheuser-Busch	60.25	-0.75
Aon Corp	40.125	+0.375
Apple Computer	36.6875	+0.8125
Applied Magnetics	18.875	-0.75
Archer Daniels	16.5	+0
Armco	6.625	+0.125
Armstrong World	58.875	-0.25
Asarco	32.375	-0.125
Ashland Oil	33.875	-0.125
AST Research	10.9375	-0.4375
Atlantic Richfld	112.875	+0
Auto Data Pro	68.25	-0.25
Autodesk	49	-0.25
Avery Dennison	40.125	+0.375
Avnet Inc	53.5	-0.75
Avon Products	74.25	-0.125
Bairnco Corp	5.25	+0.125
Baker Hughes	22	-0.25
Ball Corp	34.125	-0.25
Bally	11.625	+0
Baltimore Gas	26	+0.25
Banc One Corp	35.375	-1
Bandag	58	+0.125
BankAmerica	60.125	-1
Bank of Boston	46.625	+0.125
Bank of New Yk	44.75	+0
Bankers Tst NY	69.125	-0.875
Barnett Banks	58	-0.75
Battle Mount Gd	10.25	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	43.25	-0.625
Baxter Intl	38.625	+0.125
Becton Dickinson	66.625	+0
Bell Atlantic	61.25	-0.375
Bell Industries	23.25	-0.125
BellSouth	72.375	-0.5
HA Belo Corp	35.875	+0
Beneficial Corp	51.875	-1.875
Bethlehem Steel	14.5	-0.125
Beverly Enters	12.75	-0.25
Biomet	17.125	+0
Black & Decker	34.125	-0.75
Boeing	70.75	+0.875
Boise Cascade	42.125	+0.25
Bowater Inc	48.75	-0.75
Briggs & Strat	40.25	-0.5
Brist Myrs Sqb	70	+0
Brit Airwa ADR	71.25	+0
BP ADR	92	-1
Brit Steel ADR	29.125	+0
Brit Telecom	62.375	-0.75
Broadway Stores	7.5	-0.125
Brooklyn Union	25.125	-0.125
Brown Group	18.75	+0.5
Brown & Sharpe	9.875	+0
Browning Ferris	31.25	-0.875
Brunswick	21	-0.25
Burlington Nthn	74.125	+0.125
CBS Inc	79.625	-0.125
CMS Energy Corp	25.875	+0.125
CPC Intern	66.125	+0.5
CSX Corporation	86.875	+0.125
Cabot Corp	52	-0.125
Campbell Soup	48.625	+0.25
Capital Cts ABC	117	-0.25
Carolina Pwr Lt	32.25	+0
Carpenter Tech	39.375	-0.75
Caterpillar	65.375	+0.125
Centerior Energy	10.625	+0
Centex Corp	29.125	+0.375
Central & SW	24.875	-0.125
Ceridian	45.5	-0.375
Champion Intl	57.375	-0.625
Charmg Shoppes	5.375	+0.0625
Chase Manhattan	68.125	-1
Chemical Bkg	59.75	-1.25
Chevron Corp	49.75	-0.5
Cheyenne Sftware	20.125	-0.125
Chiquita Brands	15.375	-0.375
Chrysler	57	+0.625
Chubb Corp	94.25	-0.875
Cincorp	68.875	+0.25
Citicasters	34.625	-0
[illegible]	43.875	-0.125
Clorox	71.75	-0.5
Coastal Corp	33.75	+0
Coca Cola	86.75	+0.125
Coca Cola Ent	25	+0.25
Colgate Palmolv	71	-0.5
Comcast Corp A	21.8125	-0.1875
Compaq	48.625	-0.375
Compute Ass Int	43.875	+0.625
Computer Sci	82.25	-0.375
Conagra	39	+0
Cons Edison	29.125	+0.25
Cons Freightwys	26.375	+1
Cons Nat Gas	40.625	+0.125
Cons Rail	67.375	+0.125
Cooper Inds	38.5	+0.375
Coors (Adolph)	18.125	+0.25
Corning Inc	30	-0.125
Crane	35.375	-0.625
Cray Research	23.375	-0.125
Crown Cork Seal	44.125	-0.25
Cummins Engine	39	+1.5
Curtiss-Wright	44	0
Cypress Semicon	40.375	+1.375
Cypress Mineral	28.125	-0.75
DSC Commun	58.375	+1.75
DQE	24.125	+0.125
Dana Corp	30	-0.25
Data General	10.125	-0.375
Dayton Hudson	78.375	-0.125
De Beers	26.6875	+0.5
Deere	86.75	+0.5
Delm Pwr & L	22	+0
Delta Air Lines	73.25	-1.875
Deluxe Corp	33.25	-0.25
Detroit Edison	31	+0
Dial Corp Del	24.25	-0.25
Diebold Inc	47.625	-0.5
Digital Equip	40.75	+0.625
Dillard Dep St	30.125	+0
Disney (Walt)	57.5	+0
Dominion Res	38.375	-0.25
Donnelley (RR)	39.875	-0.25
Dover Corp	41	+0.625
Dow Chemicals	76.625	-0.875
Dow Jones	38	+0
Dresser	24.875	+0.125
Duke Power	41.5	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	58.625	-0.25
Du Pont	72	+0
E G & G Corp	19.875	+0.625
Eastern Ents	32.375	+0.125
Eastman Kodak	60.75	-0.875
Eaton Corp	53.75	-0.375
Ecolab Inc	34.75	-0.25
Emerson Elec	73.125	+0.125
Engelhard Corp	26.75	-0.75
Enron Corp	34.5	-0.375
Enserch Corp	17.25	+0
Entergy Corp	24.25	-0.125
Enzo Biochem	19.5	-0.5
Ethyl Corp	11.25	+0.125
Exxon	72.75	-0.875
FMC Corp	79	-0.125
FPL Group	38.5	+0.125
Federal Express	80	+0.125
Federal Mogul	21.75	-0.125
Fed Nat Mtge	102.75	-1.25
Federal Ppr Bd	42.375	-1.125
Fieldcrest Can	23.125	-0.25
First Bank Sys	46.25	-0.25
First Chicago	66.625	-1
Fst Fid Bcorp	66.5	-0.375
First Interst	100	-1
Fruit of the Loom	22.5	-0.25
Fst Mississipp	38.375	+0.875
Fst Union Rlty	7.75	+0
Fleet Finl Grp	38.75	-0.375
Fleetwd Enterp	20.625	-0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	29	-0.25
Florida Prog	30.625	-0.125
Fluor Corp	58.875	-1.125
Food Lion Inc	5.75	-0.0625
Ford Motor	31.75	-0.25
Foster Wheeler	38.125	-0.375
Freeport McMor	5.875	+0
Galoob Toys	8.625	+0
GATX Corp	53.375	-0.125
Geico Corp	68	-0.25
GTE Corp	38.25	+0.375
Gannett	55	+0.375
Gap Inc Del	36.375	+0.125
Gencorp	10.5	-0.375
Gen Am Invest	21	-0.25
Gen Dynamics	54.875	-0.25
Gen Electric	62.375	-1.5
Gen Mills	53	+1.125
Gen Motors	47	-0.5
Gen Motors E	45.875	+0.25
Gen Motors H	40.25	+0.375
Gen Public Ut	29	-0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	152	-0.125
Gen Signal	35.5	+0.625
Genuine Parts	39.75	-0.625
Georgia Pac	92.25	-0.25
Gillette	44.875	-0.125
Glaxo ADR	23.875	+0
Golden W Finl	49.75	+0.25
Goodrich (BF)	63	-0.625
Goodyear Tire	39.75	-0.75
Grace (W&R)	71.25	+0.625
Grainger (WW)	61.5	+0.5
Grt Atl Pac-Tea	28.375	-0.125
Grt Western Finl	22.875	-0.375
Halliburton	43.625	-0.875
Hanna (MA)	27.375	+0.125
Harcourt	40	-0.625
Harley Davidson	29.875	+0
Harnischfeger	37.625	+0.125
Harris Corp	60.25	+0.5
Harsco Corp	57.5	-0.25
Hanmax	8.25	-0.25
Hasbro	32.25	+0
Hecla Mining	12.375	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	46.375	-0.125
Helix Technol	50.25	+0.75
Hmrch & Payne	28.25	-0.25
Hercules	59.75	-0.125
Hershey Foods	63.625	+0.5
Hewlett Packard	81.375	+1.125
Hilton Hotels	62	-0.375
Home Depot	40.5	+0.75
Homestake	17.75	+0.125
Honeywell	45.75	+0.5
Hormel (Geo)	25.25	+0
Household Intl	59	-1.375
Houston Inds	43.25	+0.25
Humana	19.875	+0
IBM	94.25	+2
Illinova Corp	28	+0
Illinois Tool	62.7188	-0.28125
INCO	36	-0.625
Ingersoll Rand	39	-0.375
Inland Steel	25	-0.375
Intel Corp	62.875	+0.75
Intergraph	12.125	-0.1875
Interlake	2.625	+0
Intl Fmly EntB	19.625	-0.375
Intl Flav & Fr	48.375	-0.375
Intl Multifoods	22.625	+0
Int Colin Enrgy	5.5	+0
Intl Paper	42.25	-0.5
Interpublic	39.25	-0.375
ITT Corp	125.75	-2.75
James River Bs	34.625	-0.375
Jefferson Pilt	65.5	+0.125
Johnson & J	71.5	+0
K Mart	14.75	-0.125
Kellogg	70.875	+0
Kennametal	40.625	+0.5
Kerr-McGee	59.5	-0.375
KeyCorp	34.625	-0.25
Kimberly-Clark	67.375	-0.25
King World Prod	36.875	-1
Knight Ridder	58.125	+0.375
Kroger	33.875	-0.625
LSI Logic	58	+4.625
Leggett & Platt	25	-0.375
Leucadia Natl	58.75	-0.25
Lilly (Eli)	85.5	+0.125
Limited Inc	18.375	-0.25
LIN Broadcasting	129.063	+0.0625
Linear Technol	40.75	+2
Lincoln Nat	45.625	-1.125
Litton	41	-0.25
Liz Claiborne	24.125	+0.5
Lockheed Corp	83.875	-0.625
Loews Corp	140.625	+0.625
Lone Star	23.75	+0.125
Long Island Lt	18.875	+0.125
Longs Drug Strs	39.125	-0.125
Loral Corp	68.25	-0.25
Louisiana Land	38.5	-0.25
Louisiana Pacif	24.75	+0.25
Lowe's Co Inc	32.625	+0.5
Lubrizol	32.375	-0.5
MA Comm Inc	-	-
MCI Commun	25.9375	+0.4375
Manor Care	34.625	-0.25
Manville Corp	14.625	+0
Mapco Inc	54.875	-0.125
Marriott	35.75	-0.5
Mrsh & McLn	84.25	+0.125
Martin Marietta	148	-5.5
Marvel	15.625	+0.125
Masco Corp	29.5	+0.5
Massmutual Corp	38.625	+0.375
Mattel Inc	29.875	+0.625
May Dept St	43.875	-0.125
Maytag Corp	17.375	+0
McDermott	22.25	-0.25
McDonalds	39.75	-0.375
McDonnell Dglas	83.75	-0.125
McGraw Hill	80.875	-1.875
McKesson Corp	44	+0
Mead Corp	62.125	+0.125
Medtronic	89.75	+0
Mellon Bk	46	-1.125
Melville Corp	34.75	-0.375
Mentor Graphics	20	-0.125
Mercantile Strs	47.375	-0.25
Merck Inc	54.25	+1.125
Meredith Corp	41.25	+0.25
Merrill Lynch	61.875	-0.625
Microsoft Corp	92	-1.4375
Millipore	37.125	+0.125
Mine Safety App	51.9375	0
Minnesota Mine	58.25	-0.375
Mitchell Energy	18.5	-0.25
Mobil Corp	101.094	-2.15625
Mobile Telecom	32.875	-0.75
Molex Inc	31.75	-0.25
Monarch Machi	13.625	-0.125
Monsanto	102	-0.75
Morgan (JP)	77.125	-0.75
Morrison-Knudsn	9.125	+0.125
Morton Intl	33	-0.125
Motorola Inc	81.75	+3
Multimedia Inc	43.5	+0.125
Murphy Oil	41.375	-0.375
Nacco Inds	60.875	-0.375
Nalco Chemical	33.875	-0.125
Nashua Corp	17.75	+0
Natl City Corp	30.25	+0.125
Natl Semi	30.25	+0.5
Natl Serv Ind	30	+0
NatWest Bank	58.625	+0.625
Navistar Int	12.5	-0.375
NBD Bancorp	38	-0.5
New England El	35.125	+0
News Corp	22.75	+0
NY State El Gas	25.125	-0.125
NY Times A	27.75	-0.25
Newmont Mining	44.875	+0.125
Niag Mohawk	12.375	+0
Nicor Inc	27.875	+0.125
Nike Inc	89.625	+7.125
NL Industries	15.625	+0.125
Noble Affil	28.625	-0.25
Nordstrom	40.5	+0.125
Norfolk Southrn	77.125	+0.875
Northeast Util	23.625	+0
Nthn State Pwr	43.375	+0.375
Northrop	62.25	+0.625
Norwest Corp	31.125	-0.25
Nynex Corp	47.625	+0.125
Occidental Pet	22.625	-0.25
Ogden Corp	23	-0.5
Ohio Casualty	34.5	+0
Ohio Edison	22.125	+0.25
Olin Corp	71.875	-0.75
Omnicom Group	65	+0.25
Oneok Inc	23	-0.375
Oracle Systems	39.75	+2.125
Oryx Energy Co	13.875	+0.125
Oshkosh B'gosh	17.25	+0.25
Outboard Marine	22	+0.125
Overseas Ship	20.875	+0
Owens Corning	45.375	-0.375
PHH Group	49.375	-0.25
PNC Financial	27.875	-0.25
PPG Industries	46.875	+0.25
Paccar Inc	50.625	-0.375
Pacificorp	18.125	+0.25
Pac Enterprises	26.125	+0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	29	-0.125
Pac Telesis	29.75	-0.375
Pall Corp	21.125	-0.25
Panh Eastern	27.25	+0.5
Parker Drlling	5.875	-0.25
Parker Hannifin	40.375	-0.25
Penney (JC)	49	-0.375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22	+0
Pennzoil	45.375	-0.25
People's Energy	28.125	+0.125
Pepsico	51.125	+1.375
Perkin Elmer	37.125	-0.5
Petrie Stores	4	+0
Pfizer	49.625	+1.125
Phelps Dodge	62.75	-0.125
Philadel Elec	26.125	+0
Philip Morris	79	+1.875
Phillips Pet	33.25	-0.875
Pioneer Hi Bred	44.75	-0.25
Pitney Bowes	41.625	-0.375
Policy Mgt Sys	52	-0.75
Potlatch Corp	84.875	-1.125
Potomac El Pwr	21.625	+0
Procter&Gamble	74.8438	-0.28125
Pub Svc Enterpr	27	+0.125
Pug Snd Pwr	22.25	-0.125
Quaker Oats	33.875	-0.125
Qualcom	49.375	+1.75
Quanex Corp	23.25	-0.5
RJR Nabisco	30.375	+0.875
Ralston Purina	58.5	-0.125
Rank Orgnsn ADR	13.5	+0.125
Raychem Corp	48	-0.25
Raytheon	84	+0.125
Reebok Intl	33.875	-0.125
Reynolds Reyn A	35.5	-0.875
Reynolds Metals	59.875	+0.25
Rite Aid Corp	29.125	-0.375
Roadway Services	54.875	+0.375
Rockwell Intl	47.375	+0.5
Rohm & Haas	61.25	+0
Rohr Industries	15.625	-0.375
Rouse	22	+0.125
Rowan	8.125	+0.125
Royal Dutch	121.125	-1.5
Rubbermaid	29.25	-0.25
Ruddick	27.75	+0.375
Russell Corp	27.125	-0.5
Ryder System	28	+0.25
Rymer Co	1.75	+0.125
SPS Technology	38	-0.375
Safeco Corp	68	-1.125
Safety-Kleen	14.5	-0.375
St Paul's Cos	55.375	+0.375
Salomon Inc	38.125	-0.75
San Diego Gas	22	-0.25
Santa Fe S Pacf	30.25	-0.125
Sara Lee Corp	29.625	+0.375
Scecorp	16.875	-0.125
Schering Plough	48	+0.625
Schlumberger	67.625	-1.125
Scientl Atlanta	16	-0.25
Scott Paper	48.5	-0.625
Scripps	33.625	-0.25
Seagate Tech	47	+2
Seagram	35.5	-0.25
Sears Roebuck	35.5	-0.75
Service Corp I	36.625	-0.375
Service Master	27.625	+0.125
Shared Medical	39.5	+0.125
Shell Trans	72.375	+0.125
Sherwin Wllms	35.625	+0.375
Shoney's Inc	12.5	+0
Sigma Aldrich	48.75	+0.25
Silicon Graphics	37.875	+0
Skyline Corp	18.125	+0
Smith Intl	18	-0.125
SmKline Bchm A	48.375	+0
Snap-On-Tools	41	-0.25
Sonat	32.75	-0.25
Sonoco Prods	28.25	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	51.875	+0.125
Southdown	18.125	-0.75
Southern Co	22	-0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	35.125	+0
Southw Airlines	28.125	+0.5
Southwestn Bell	54.25	-0.25
Spring Inds	41.25	-0.75
Sprint Corp	35.75	-0.25
Stand Brnds Pnt	1.75	-0.0625
Standard Prods	19.5	-0.5
Stanley Works	45	-0.375
Storage Technol	25.5	+0.5
Stratus Comp	28	+0.75
Sun America	5.75	0
Sun Company	27	-0.375
Sundstrand	67.625	-0.875
Sun Microsystms	58.25	+0.625
Suntrust	67	-0.5
Supervalu	29.625	-0.125
Symantec	31.375	+0.25
Sysco Corp	27.5	+0
TJX Cos Inc	11.875	-0.375
TRW Inc	81.375	+0.125
Tambrands	43.75	-0.375
Tandem Comp	12.5	-0.125
Tandy Corp	62.875	+0.75
Telecom Corp	19.25	-0.125
Teledyne	25.25	+0
Temple Inland	54.875	-0.25
Tenneco	48.75	+0.375
Teradyne	38	+1.125
Tesoro Pet	8.75	-0.25
Texaco	66.375	-0.625
Texas Instrmts	77.75	+2.125
Texas Utilities	33.5	+0.125
Textron	68.75	+0.375
Thiokol	37	+0.25
Thomas & Betts	66	-0.25
ThreeCom	43	-0.5
Time Warner	40.625	+0
Times-Mirror	31.375	+1
Timken	45.875	-0.25
Torchmark	42	+0
Tosco Corp	33.875	-0.125
Total Pet N Am	10.75	+0
Toys R Us	28.875	-0.125
Transamerica	70	-0.25
Tribune	68.25	+0.375
TRINOVA Corp	38.75	+0.5
Triton Energy	62.25	-0.375
Tyco Labs	61.75	+0.5
Tyler	2.75	+0.125
UAL Corp	172	+1
USG Corp	28.125	-0.25
UST Inc	29	+0.375
USX Marathon	20.75	+0
USX-US Steel	32.625	-0.375
Unicom Corp	29.375	+0.25
Unilever NV	76.125	0
Union Camp	58.25	-1
Union Carbide	40.875	-0.625
Union Electric	36.875	+0.25
Union Pacific	67.625	+0
Unisys Corp	7.875	-0.25
USAir Group	11.125	+0
USF&G Corp	18.625	+0.25
US Home	24.875	-0.125
US Life	45.875	-0.125
US Surgical	24.5	+0
US Trust	45.25	+0.5
US West	47.125	-0.125
United Tech	83.875	-0.25
Unocal Corp	29.875	-0.25
Upjohn	43.875	-0.375
VF Corp	48.625	-2.875
Valero Energy	23.25	+0.625
Viacom Inc	51.125	-0.5
Vulcan Materials	52.875	-0.375
Wachovia	43.25	-1.75
Walgreen	25.75	-0.25
Wal-Mart Stores	25.625	+0
Warner-Lambert	96	+2
Wash Gas Light	19.875	+0
Washington Post	298.75	-0.25
Waste Mgmt Inc	30.125	+0
Watkins-Johnson	58	+1
Weis Markets	28.5	-0.25
Wells Fargo	187.625	-1.375
Wendy's Intl	22	+0.25
Western Publ	13.5	-0.5
Westinghouse El	14.5	+0
Westvaco	46.75	-0.625
Weyerhaeuser	48.5	-1
Whirlpool	59.25	-0.25
Whitman	21.125	-0.125
Willamette Ind	69	-0.375
Winn Dixie Strs	60.125	+0
Woolworth	13.875	+0
WorldCommunications	33	-0.625
Worthington Ind	19.375	-0.125
Wrigley	48.375	+0.125
Xerox	131.5	+1.875
Yellow Freight	14.75	+0
Zenith Electron	8.75	+0
Zero Co	18	+0.125
LONDON		
Allied - Lyons	522	-2.5
BAT Inds	517	-7
BP	497.5	0
BT	402	-4.5
BTR	327	-9.5
Barclays	750	-8.75
Bass	631	-5
Boots	585	-8.5
British Airways	460	+2
British Gas	266	-4.5
Cable & Wire	413	0
General Electric	319	+1
Grand Met	422	-7.5
Glaxo	741	-27.5
Guiness	522	-5
HSBC (75p shs)	929	-18.5
Hanson	206	+0.25
ICI	838	+7
Land Securities	618	+1
Lloyds Bank	675	-8.75
Marks & Spencer	437	-4.5
NatWest Bank	531	+7.5
Prudential	367	-2.5
Reuters	560	-3
Sainsbury	460	-9
Shell Transport	766	-1.5
Unilever	1232	-2
PARIS		
Accor	652	+6
Air Liquide	799	-5
Alcatel Alsthom	508	-2
BSN	844	-3
Canal	842	+37
Carrefour	2840	-28
Chargeurs	1098	+7
Club Med	496	+0
Cred Lyon (CI)	308	+3.1
Elf Aquitaine	388	-3
Euro Disney	15.8	-0.15
Hachette	93.5	-3.4
LVMH	925	-1
Lafarge Coppee	381	-8.7
Lyonn Eaux	470.2	-0.4
Michelin B	219	-1
Moulinex	103	-1.8
Paribas	288.8	+1
Pernod Ricard	293.5	+1.2
Peugeot	669	-5
Saint Gobain	632	-4
Suez (Fin de)	330	-5
Total B	304.8	+4.1
FRANKFURT		
Allianz AG	1340	+2
BASF	336.2	-1.3
Bayer	387.4	+0.5
Commerzbank	3	+0
Daimler-Benz	744.5	-6.5
Deutsche Bank	68.16	-0.34
Dresdner Bk	39.02	-0.3
Hoechst	372	-2
Lufthansa	219.2	-3.8
Mannesmann	491.8	-1.2
Metallgesellschaft	32.45	+1.15
Porsche	695	-17
Siemens	781.5	-7.5
Volkswagen	483	-1

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Market up as rate hike concerns fade

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

Two-Sided index	Maof index
204.98 +1.17%	209.25 +1.21%

SHARES on the TASE rose yesterday as concern faded that the Bank of Israel would raise interest rates in the wake of a higher-than-expected rise in the Consumer Price Index.

The Two-Sided Index rose 1.17%, to 204.98, and the Maof Index rose 1.21%, to 209.25. Across the exchange, nearly 11 shares rose for every 10 that fell.

Shares worth some NIS 89.4 million changed hands yesterday, NIS 10.8m. more than Sunday and about NIS 10m. above last week's average.

The August CPI advanced 1.2%. Concern that the the central bank would boost rates, which makes borrowing for companies more expensive and cuts into profits, lessened, as analysts tied the price rises to seasonal factors.

"There's a wide school of thought that doesn't believe there is going to be an interest rate increase" said Eran Goren, head of the institutional sales desk at Zannex Securities. "There is no need to do it, and rates are already quite high."

Goren also pointed to the month's relatively low 0.7% increase in basic inflation, which excluded a 2.9% jump in housing costs. "Basic inflation is being read as a good message," he said. The central bank is due to announce interest rate policy later this week.

Gains were led by Bezeq, which rose 2% as NIS 4.8m. of shares changed hands. The shares gained as investors continue to focus on Bezeq's participation in supplying phone service in India.

"It's the most lucrative telecommunications deal of the century," said Goren.

Other Maof-listed shares gaining ground included Koor, which rose 2.5%. The company is receiving more exposure abroad, as it prepares for next month's sale of American depository receipts, Goren said.

Retail shares on the Two-Sided rose, with Electra gaining 5% and Shekem gaining 3.75%.

Israel Land Development rose 4.5%, as the trial of company head Ofer Nimrodi, charged with illegal wiretapping, was postponed until December.

The shares have declined some 40% from their 1995 high in the wake of Nimrodi's arrest, but investors feel the worst has passed for the company, Goren said.

Falling shares included Evergreen Canada Israel Investments, which fell 1%; Rogosin, which fell 2.5%, and Cvalim, which fell 1%.

After trading closed in Tel Aviv, the Amex/Oscar Gruss Israel Index fell as much as 1.93 to 159.86. The index, which measures 11 companies traded in the US, closed at an annual high of 162.29 on September 13. (Bloomberg)

FTSE drops sharply

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Equities finished sharply lower, unsettled by a larger-than-expected rise in the UK public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) as well as a weak start on Wall Street, dealers and strategists said.

"The market didn't like the PSBR figures. They hit both gilts and shares. The feeling is that the Chancellor (UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke) won't be able to deliver very much in the way of tax cuts in the (UK) budget," one senior trader said.

The FTSE 100 closed 31.3 points lower at 3,533.3. The December FTSE futures contract was down 16.0 points at 3,567.

FRANKFURT – German shares fell in lackluster trading, undermined by a weak start on Wall Street, as the market consolidated after last week's record highs.

The 30-share DAX index fell 15.60 points to close the floor trading session at 2,301.41, recovering from a low of 2,295. In after-hours trading, the index slipped further to close at 2,289.49.

Traders said the dip was a temporary backlash coming after Friday's DTB options expiry date where some prices were pushed up artificially.

"Everybody's taking it a bit easy after the expiry," said Josh Waiblinger of BHF Bank in Frankfurt.

"The good thing is that the upward trend is still here and people are picking up courage," he said.

A steady dollar should help push the DAX beyond last week's record highs later in the week, traders predicted.

"I think we're still looking at 2,350 this week," said one trader.

PARIS – French shares finished lower on a dearth of buying interest ahead of the government's 1996 budget presentation tomorrow.

"Foreign investors are absent and domestic ones are discouraged," a trader said.

The CAC-40 index closed down 8.23 points, or 0.44 percent, at 1,871.74. Volume was a thin 3.15 billion francs.

CAC-40 Sept futures ended at 1,881, down from 1,888 on Friday.

Eurotunnel slumped for the third day, falling 1.60 francs to 8.25. Traders said investors were running scared after the Anglo-French Channel tunnel operator suspended debt payments last week.

TOKYO – The Nikkei average dropped more than 2% as arbitrage-linked selling hit stock indexes, brokers said.

The Nikkei average closed down 439.39 points or 2.34% at 18,319.16.

Many investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of a government economic package due out later this week and there were no large buy orders to absorb selling, they said.

But brokers said they do not see the day's drop as critical to the market because last week's rise was very fast.

"The drop gave us a good chance to buy on dips," said Yasufumi Ohigashi, deputy general manager at Nomura Securities.

Dow falls 17 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Blue-chip stocks halved their losses yesterday after a 40-point fall early in the day as the market was helped by a recovery in technology shares.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 17.16 points lower at 4,780.41 after rebounding from an early sell-off.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 2-1 on active trading of 328 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4358/62	69.73/76	0.8136/39	3.4456/61
STERLING	2.2932/42	—	159.91/03	1.8653/75	7.9002/74
YEN	1.4330/47	0.6249/54	—	1.1658/75	4.9381/34
SFr	122.80/99	0.5355/61	85.69/7N	—	4.2318/78
FFr	0.2900/04	0.1265/66	20.21/2N	0.2360/63	—

Prices from 23:00 local time

Mac TA beats Hapoel Gvat

CHARLES HARRIS

WITH foreign star Ron Anderson watching helplessly from the sidelines, Maccabi Tel Aviv won an uninspired National Basketball League road game last night by defeating Hapoel Gvat 82-74.

The league game, which had about as much intensity as a Club Med vacation, featured a wide-open shooting exhibition from both clubs. Other than Gvat's two foreign imports – Steve Thompson and Derrick Gervin – the club lacks size and scoring ability which hurt its chances all evening.

The outcome was never in question and the most interesting event of the evening was marked with 18 minutes left in the game. When Gvat's Custa Gurman fouled Motti Daniel under the basket, it was the first time Maccabi went to the line after 22 minutes of play.

The win, which improves Tel Aviv's record to 2-0, enabled the club to stay in a four-way tie for first place. The club has won 25 of its last 28 games, but needs to fill Anderson's shoes for the tougher games later in the schedule. Gvat fell to 0-2 on the year.

Maccabi held a 44-36 halftime lead, as Gvat kept the score respectable for the first 20 minutes. The lead was stretched to 13 points with two minutes remaining, but Thompson scored the final four points of the half, including a shot to beat the buzzer that cut the lead to eight.

The lead stayed at double digits for most of the second half, although Gvat made one run as Thompson scored six consecutive points including two field goals on second and third efforts.

The 12-point margin had been reduced to a 59-53 lead, but the crowd, which made noise for about three minutes the entire evening, was quickly silenced as Daniel hit a five-footer and came back the next time down the court and canned a bank shot from 10 feet.

Gvat did not pose a serious threat the rest of the way.

Doron Jamchee led Maccabi with 29 points including 21 in the first half while Daniel added 18 and Guy Goodes had 13.

Gvat's Thompson, a former Syracuse University star, led all scorers with 32 points including 19 after intermission while Gervin poured in 26.

Even with Anderson sidelined, Tel Aviv showed it needn't rush to replace its injured American player. Anderson failed to play in one league game as he suffered a season-ending ankle injury during the exhibition matches. He is expected to undergo arthroscopic surgery in the near future.

"Yes, I am disappointed," he said. "I was really looking forward to this season and I don't know what I am going to do about basketball. I have to take care of my body. The time schedule for recovery does not seem to agree with the club."

"We didn't play our best game tonight and we need to play better, but it was a nice win," said Jamchee.

National Basketball League
Second Round

	W	L	Pts.
1. Maccabi Tel Aviv	2	0	4
Hapoel Jerusalem	2	0	4
Maccabi Rishon	2	0	4
Bnei Herzliya	2	0	4
5. Hapoel Eilat	1	1	3
Hapoel Safed	1	1	3
7. Hapoel Galil Elyon	1	0	2
8. Maccabi Jerusalem	0	2	2
Hapoel Tel Aviv	0	2	2
Maccabi Ramat Gan	0	2	2
Hapoel Gvat	0	2	2
12. Hapoel Holon	0	1	1

Dalglish's Blackburn future under scrutiny

LONDON (Reuter) – Kenny Dalglish's future at Blackburn was the subject of intense speculation yesterday as the alarm bells sounded at the English champions' door following their poor start to the season.

Dalglish's role at the club has become low-profile and pressure is growing on owner Jack Walker to stop the rot of bad results, either by new signings or making changes at the top.

Amid the speculation, newspapers reported yesterday that Walker was due to meet later this week with Dalglish, his management team and club chairman Robert Coar.

Blackburn crashed to its fourth defeat in six league games against Liverpool at the weekend after its midweek Champions' League defeat by Spartak Moscow.

Dalglish did not attend the Liverpool match. He was at a wedding, but there are now widespread rumors about his future.

The ex-Liverpool manager dramatically quit Anfield in February 1991, only to take over at Blackburn a few months later. He guided them to promotion and followed that by securing the Premier League title last season for the club for first time in 81 years.

In the summer he moved on to become director of soccer, with assistant Ray Harford taking charge of team affairs.

But Blackburn made another switch in its management strategy last week, Derek Fazackerley returning from Newcastle to take charge of the coaching because Harford felt a new voice was needed.

Blackburn is third from bottom with just one win and one draw from six games.

Maradona's state of the union

PARIS (AP) – Backed by other leading world players, Diego Maradona announced the launch of an international soccer players' union yesterday to promote and safeguard players' rights.

Maradona met with 14 of the sport's top players, including Eric Cantona of France, Rai of Brazil, Liberian George Weah and Italian Gianluca Viali. Together the players represented 11 countries.

The Argentine star said the union's objective was to counterbalance the power of the sport's governing body, FIFA.

"Our goal is not to battle with anyone," Maradona told a news conference. "It is only to unite the players."

The idea was first mentioned at the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico by Maradona and his teammate Jorge Valdano, now coach of Real Madrid.

The players united in protest against the scheduling of matches in the hottest hours of the day, along with other grievances.

Maradona has been banned twice for 15 months by FIFA in the last four years for failing drug tests. His latest ban, for using banned stimulants at the 1994 World Cup finals, ends this month.

Maradona said the union would be based in Paris, would be open to all professional players and would cooperate with all existing unions.



UNITED WE STAND – Diego Maradona, shown training for his new club Boca Juniors, has announced a new soccer union.(AP)

Cantona, the suspended Manchester United star, said the players at the meeting unanimously elected Maradona president of the new union.

The French striker also said he hoped the new union would permit more of a dialogue between players and the game's administrators.

Haifa stops Herzliya

ORI LEWIS

SUPER sub Ofer Shitrit gave Maccabi Haifa a much-needed boost with two goals, as the home side defeated Maccabi Herzliya 2-0 at Kiryat Eliezer in an outstanding National League fixture last night.

The Haifaites, who were soundly beaten 4-0 by Sporting Lisbon in the European Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday, bounced back with a good performance over Herzliya in a match which they could have won by a much higher margin.

In the first half, three chances went begging as Haim Revivo, Alon Mizrahi and Sergei Kandaurov all hit the woodwork with Herzliya goalkeeper Shuli Gilardi well beaten on each occasion.

The deadlock was finally broken in the second half after Shitrit came on. In the 77th minute, he connected with a telling, low cross to stab the ball home from close range.

Two minutes from time, Shitrit put the result beyond doubt when he again struck after receiving a ball from Uruguayan international defender Edgardo Adinolfi.

The result puts Haifa in fourth place in the standings, two points behind the unbeaten clubs.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

After 3 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mac. Tel Aviv	3	-	-	9	2	9
Hap. Tel Aviv	3	-	-	7	3	9
Bet. Jerusalem	3	-	-	7	3	9
Mac. Haifa	2	1	-	6	2	7
Hap. Haifa	2	-	1	7	3	6
Hap. Petah Tikva	2	-	1	6	5	6
Hap. Beersheba	1	1	1	5	4	4
Mac. Petah Tikva	1	1	1	8	8	4
Hap. Beit She'an	1	1	1	2	5	4
Mac. Jaffa	1	-	2	6	7	3
Mac. Herzliya	1	-	2	1	4	3
Zefirim Holon	-	1	2	7	10	1
Hap. Kfar Sava	-	1	2	3	6	1
Bnei Yehuda	-	1	2	4	9	1
Bet. Tel Aviv	-	1	2	2	8	1
Rishon Lezion	-	-	3	2	5	0

Davis Cup team should prevail over Slovenia

HEATHER CHAIT

ALTHOUGH the national Davis Cup team which will face Slovenia at Ramat Hasharon on Thursday can best be described as inexperienced and young, predictions nevertheless point to an Israeli victory.

The clash between the two countries will decide who remains in the European Zone A, thus earning the opportunity to qualify for the elite World Group.

Eyal Ran, in his first role as Israel's No. 1 Davis Cup player, and Eyal Erlich will represent the home country in the singles rubbers with veteran Gilad Bloom and Noam Behr as the likely doubles pair.

With Ran, Erlich and Bloom all ranked above Slovenia's top player, Iztoc Bozic, 399 in the world, the odds seem stacked in Israel's favor. The visitors arrive, however, boosted by victories over Greece, Finland and Ghana.

In their most recent encounter, they lost 5-0 to Zimbabwe.

While Bozic will certainly be Slovenia's No. 1 singles racket, captain Andrej Jeras is yet to select his second singles and doubles players from Borut Urh (709), Jaka Bozic (970) and new cap, Ziga Janscovec (1,232).

Following Israel's successive defeats by the Czech Republic, Belgium and Norway, which dumped them out of the World Group, the atmosphere at yesterday's press conference was not upbeat.

Gilad Bloom will be playing in his last Davis Cup tie. After announcing his retirement from pro tennis during the summer, he will hang up his racket in a few weeks' time.

"The changeover from the Amos Mansdorf-Gilad Bloom era is now almost complete," said captain Shlomo Glickstein, "and although this squad is not impressive, the players will gain experience."

Visiting captain Jeras said Israel has a 70-30 chance of winning the tie.

"We have come far for a small country independent only since 1991," he said, "but we expect a tough time here."

The draw will take place tomorrow at Ramat Hasharon and the matches begin on Thursday at 3 p.m. On Friday, the doubles will begin at 2.15 p.m. and the reverse singles will take place on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

Rain thwarts Gatting's hope of final win

LONDON (Reuter) – Mike Gatting's attempts to contrive a win in Middlesex's final match of the season were thwarted by the rain yesterday, the closing day of the English county championship.

It mattered little in the final tide of affairs with Warwickshire already having clinched the title for the second successive season on Saturday and Northamptonshire's hopes of sneaking ahead of Middlesex in to second place disappearing in the rain at Hove.

Gatting desperately tried to engineer a result at Taunton, deploying batsman Mark Ramprakash and wicketkeeper Keith Brown as his opening attack in an effort to gift Somerset enough runs to set a target.

The home side duly added 221 in 39 overs to reach 323 for seven before declaring and setting Middlesex 350 to win.

County championship results:

At Leicester: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire – match drawn. Gloucestershire 196 in 78.3 overs, Leicestershire 57-1 off 18 overs. Leicestershire four points, Gloucestershire none.

At Chelmsford: Essex beat Yorkshire by 89 runs. Essex 313 in 72 overs and 270 (P.Prichard 104, R.Rollins 77), Yorkshire 309 in 92.5 overs and 185 (P.Such 5-89). Essex 23 points, Yorkshire seven.

At The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire – match drawn. Hampshire 185 in 45.1 overs and 152 (M.Nicholas 53; M.Bicknell 4-60), Surrey 71-2 declared in 16.1 overs and 175-2 (N.Shahid 77 not out, D.Bicknell 75). Surrey four points, Hampshire none.

At Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex – match drawn. Somerset 376 in 129.1 overs and 323-7 declared (J.Hallett 111 not out, M.Trescothick 59), Middlesex 350-3 declared in 55.4 overs and 262-6 (P.Weekes 79, M.Ramprakash 73). Somerset four points, Middlesex seven.

At Worcester: Match abandoned with Worcestershire 79-1 off 18 overs v Glamorgan.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Lancashire by 282 runs. Derbyshire 267 in 62 overs and 325 (K.Barnett 88), Lancashire 155 in 38.1 overs and 155 (J.Crawley 52; A.Warner 6-21). Derbyshire 22 points, Lancashire four.

At Hove: Sussex v Northamptonshire – match drawn. Sussex 331 in 102.2 overs and 132-2 declared, Northamptonshire 41-1 declared in 10 overs and 36-0. Sussex three points, Northamptonshire four.

County Championship Table

	P	W	L	D	Bat.	Bl.	Pts.
Warwickshire	17	14	2	1	48	8	337
Middlesex	17	12	2	3	51	8	305
Northants	17	12	2	3	41	5	280
Lancashire	17	10	4	3	46	6	268
Essex	17	8	9	0	42	5	228
Gloucestershire	17	8	4	5	45	5	223
Leicestershire	17	7	8	2	41	6	214
Yorkshire	17	7	8	2	39	5	206
Somerset	17	7	5	5	40	4	201
Worcestershire	17	6	7	4	29	5	182
Nottinghamshire	17	5	9	3	41	5	175
Surrey	17	5	8	4	34	5	169
Hampshire	17	5	8	4	32	5	168
Derbyshire	17	4	10	3	39	6	167
Sussex	17	4	7	6	37	5	152
Glamorgan	17	3	8	6	40	5	145
Durham	17	4	13	0	20	5	137
Kent	17	3	10	4	40	4	132

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

Sports Channel filler is 'extremely' idiotic

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

X MARKS the spot on pirate treasure maps, but the X that marked the beginning of Sports Channel's latest *Extremely Amazing* (Sunday, 9 p.m.) should serve as a warning that says: **Danger! Cheap filler ahead!**

Sports Channel's locally produced programming, like its fine National Basketball League preview show, are excellent, so it's hard to understand why they insist on filling so much air time with foreign time-wasters like this.

For those who didn't have closets to rearrange and actually sat through this ESPN-supplied stuff, it was Horse Night: Native Americans riding horses, Italians on horses, Indonesians on horses and finally, Turks on horses. Even My Friend Flicka would bridle at such a barnful of hoof happenings.

While the Native Americans' "suicide race" down a mountain slope, into a river and then into a corral was cool the first time, it dragged the second or third. And in keeping with ESPN-2's commitment to Generation X-type sports, the footage was suitably jazzed up, in this case meaning a weird shaking camera effect that made viewers feel like they were watching one of those 19th-century Thomas Edison creations instead of television.

The choppiness was novel in the first segment, but by the time we got around to Italians reenacting jousting matches and horseborne Turks tossing spears at each other, it had worn thin. It was also hard to see the point of any of the "competitions" except on the tip of the items being thrown. In one, an Italian fellow lost control of his horse and ended up crashing into the ground, turning his face into a pizza. "But there's nothing worse than letting down the neighbors," said the narrator. With neighbors like that, it's time to move to a new town.

In Indonesia, we were told that the exploited bareback child riders average about eight years old, and retire at 12 – presumably because that's when puberty kicks in.

What did we learn in half an hour? That people are crazy about horses all over the world, but that anyone with horse sense could gladly do without *Extremely Amazing*, which was extremely silly.

AS we've said here before, we love Mel Allen, so it was a shame to see him and the rest of the *This Week in Baseball* shilling for the wild card system on Super Channel (Sunday, 3 p.m.) In case you forgot, the show's produced by Major League Baseball, which must be worried about falling attendance and just wanted to remind viewers that they SHOULD be excited about the format. Bringing on players whose teams are involved in the wild card race is bogus; presenting both sides of the argument would have been classier, Mel. As for the upcoming playoffs and World Series, Super Channel plans to show at least highlights of Series games in October.

NOTE to NFL fans: Sky does not list any American football action this week, and Sports Channel broadcasts are unlikely until later in the season, making Prime Sports's Sunday night games the only NFL coverage available locally for now.

Kangaroos to Final Four

MELBOURNE (AP) – Glen Archer kicked four goals Sunday as North Melbourne trounced the defending champion West Coast Eagles by 58 points and advanced to the Australian Football League final four.

The Kangaroos triumphed 18.21 (129) to 10.11 (71) to eliminate the Eagles and leave four Victorian teams to contest the premiership.

North Melbourne captain Wayne Carey was well held by the West Coast defense, but his teammates were dominant.

North Melbourne now will play Carlton next Saturday with the winner advancing to the September 30 grand final.

Geelong will face Richmond in the other elimination game after the Tigers staged a dramatic second-half fightback at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday to eliminate Essendon.

Richmond, which is making its first appearance in the playoffs for 13 years, rallied to win 12.14 (86) to 11.7 (73) after trailing by 30 points at halftime.

The Tigers scored five unanswered goals late in the third quarter and then dominated the final period.

Midfielder Matthew Knights led Richmond's scoring with three goals, while Scott Turner, Matthew Rogers and Chris Naish all kicked two goals.

Australian Football League elimination playoff matches this weekend:

North Melbourne 18.21 (129) def. West Coast Eagles 10.11 (71)

Richmond 12.14 (86) def. Essendon 11.7 (73)

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ARIE Levanon leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra today (1:00) in a special open studio concert at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem, performing Brahms's Variations on a Theme by Haydn, the overture to *Mignon* by Thomas, and Leroy Anderson's Irish Suite. Soprano Eva Ben Zvi is the soloist in Gliere's Concerto for Voice and Orchestra. Suheil Radwan leads Arab and Jewish musicians in a concert featuring classical Arab music. Tonight (8:30) at the Zionist Confederation House in Jerusalem.



William Hurt and Harvey Keitel star in 'Smoke.'

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ALTHOUGH the brief, seeming artistic calm at the Inbal Dance Company may already be coming to an end, the company continues to perform *Zaffa*, its first presentation under the new Margalit Oved regime. The program is an eclectic mix of dance, theater and music. Tonight (8:30) at the Inbal Theater in the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv.

The Bat-Dor Dance Company is at its Tel Aviv Theater tonight (8.30) performing Nils Christe's *Luminescence*, Joe Orlando's *The Spirit of the Drum* and Ania Brud's *Head of the Shoe*.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

MELVIN and Howard, based on the true story of the weird trajectory of a brief encounter between a reclusive billionaire hitchhiker and the man who gives him a lift, could have been subtitled *Paul and Jonathan*. Following the 1980 film, the second they had worked on together, actor Paul LeMat's promising career stalled and director Jonathan Demme's fortunes took off.

LeMat's portrayal of Melvin Dummar was the culmination of a series of Average Joe roles – most notably from *American Graffiti* (1973) and *Citizen's Band* (1977, directed by Demme) – in which he managed to be both tough and sweet, dim and canny.

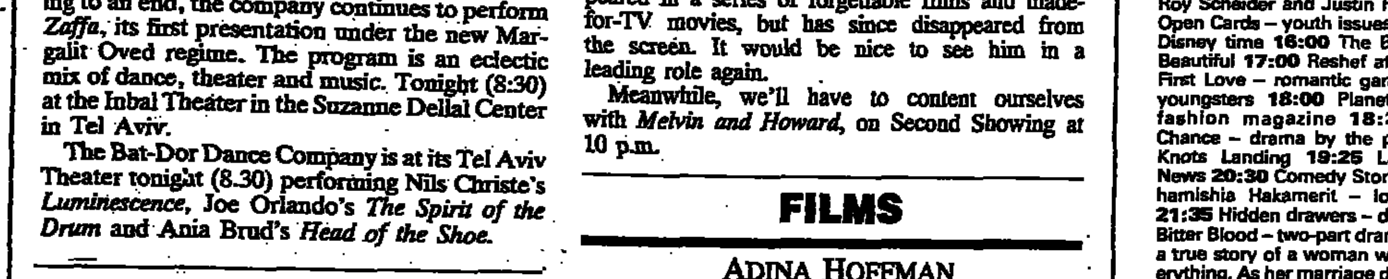
It may be more than just a coincidence that LeMat came into his own during Jimmy Carter's tenure in the White House, when real populism – and not Ronald Reagan's subsequent dude-ranch version of it – was in. During the '80s, he appeared in a series of forgettable films and made-for-TV movies, but has since disappeared from the screen. It would be nice to see him in a leading role again.

Meanwhile, we'll have to content ourselves with *Melvin and Howard*, on Second Showing at 10 p.m.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

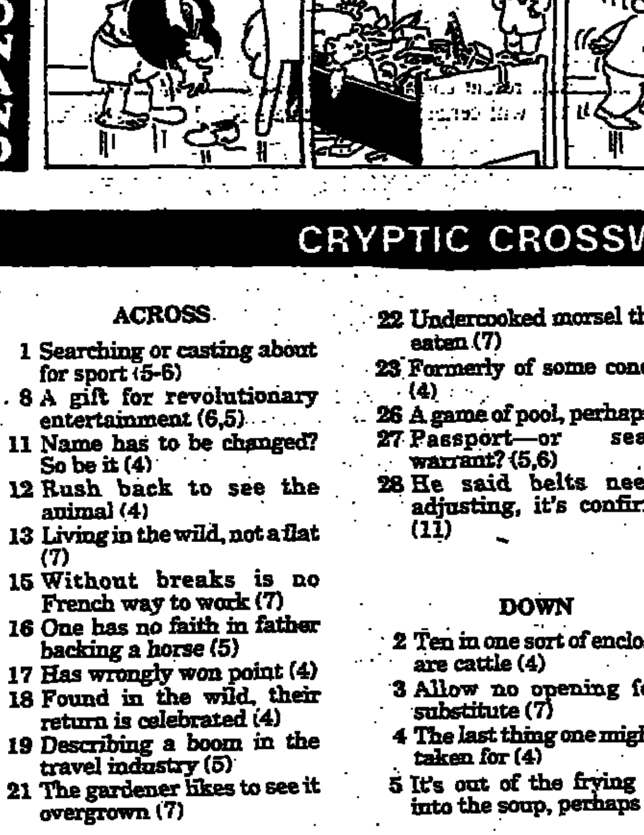
★★★★ SMOKE – Set in and around a cigar store in Brooklyn, circa 1990, the film – an engrossing collaboration between novelist Paul Auster and director Wayne Wang – is divided into five chapter-like episodes. It teems with characters whose lives sometimes entwine and sometimes don't, but whose concerns (missing fathers, repayment of debts, the relativity of innocence and guilt) have a funny way of reinforcing the lives of the people all around. The fractured storyline follows naturally from Auster's fascination with the modern city as it goes to seed. With fine performances by William Hurt, Harvey Keitel, Forrest Whitaker and Stockard Channing. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



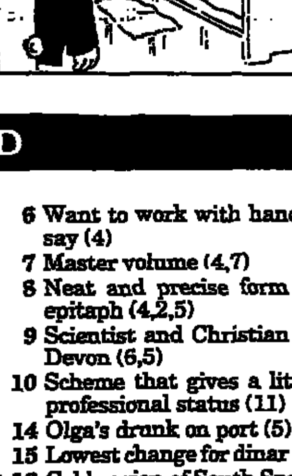
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Searching or casting about for sport (5-6)
8 A gift for revolutionary entertainment (6,5)
11 Name has to be changed? So be it (4)
12 Rush back to see the animal (4)
13 Living in the wild, not a flat (7)
15 Without breaks is no French way to work (7)
16 One has no faith in father backing a horse (5)
17 Has wrongly won point (4)
18 Found in the wild, their return is celebrated (4)
19 Describing a boom in the travel industry (5)
21 The gardener likes to see it overgrown (7)
22 Undercooked morsel that's eaten (7)
23 Formerly of some concern (4)
26 A game of pool, perhaps (4)
27 Passport—or search warrant? (5,6)
28 He said belts needed adjusting, it's confirmed (11)

DOWN
2 Ten in one sort of enclosure are cattle (4)
3 Allow no opening for a substitute (7)
4 The last thing one might be taken for (4)
5 It's out of the frying pan into the soup, perhaps (7)
6 Want to work with hands, say (4)
7 Master volume (4,7)
8 Neat and precise form of epitaph (4,2,5)
9 Scientist and Christian in Devon (6,5)
10 Scheme that gives a little professional status (11)
14 Olga's drunk on port (5)
15 Lowest change for dinar (5)
19 Cold region of South Spain and Portugal (7)
20 They take pictures about a thousand times (7)
24 Objects and doesn't go on (4)
25 Circular letter to a friend reputedly brings bad luck (4)
26 Fortune made by a driver, possibly (4)

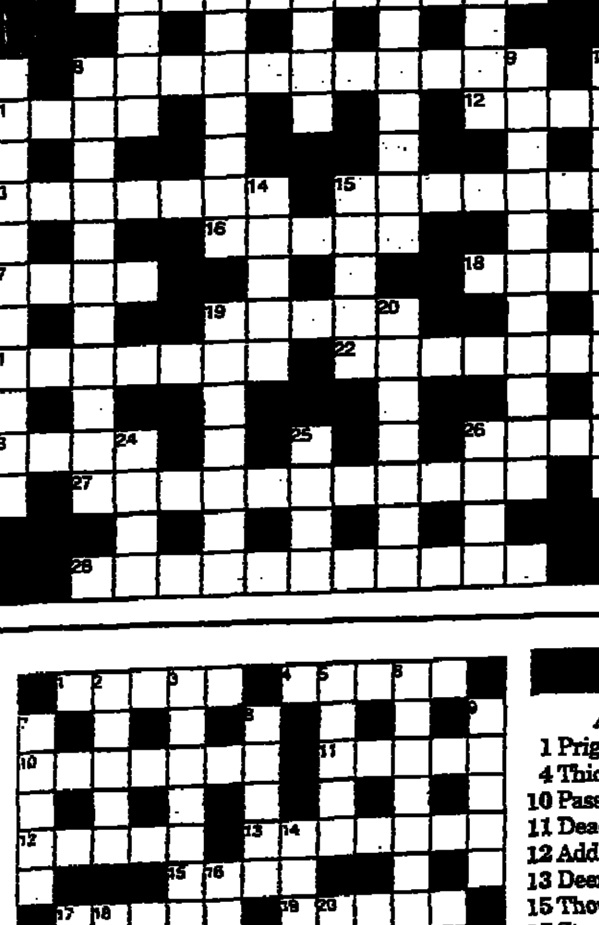


SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1 Windsor, 5 Pries, 8 Gamin, 9 Feeling, 10 Redress, 11 Argue, 12 Decide, 14 Depart, 17 Viper, 19 Article, 22 Radiant, 23 Inure, 24 Erect, 25 Rightly.
DOWN: 1 Wager, 2 Nomadic, 3 Sense, 4 Refuse, 5 Prepare, 6 Icing, 7 Segment, 12 Diverse, 13 Dormant, 15 Account, 16 Faster, 18 Padre, 20 Tying, 21 Every.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Prig (5)
4 Thick (5)
10 Passage (7)
11 Deadly (5)
12 Additional (5)
13 Deer meat (7)
15 Thought (4)
17 Steeple (5)
19 Corsets (5)
22 Release (4)
25 Weather (7)
27 Skirmish (5)
29 Tartan (5)
30 Graceful (7)
31 Eerie (5)
32 Scatter (5)

DOWN
2 Respond (5)
3 Hopelessness (7)
5 Puckish (5)
6 Content (7)
7 War-horse (5)
8 Oven (5)
9 Separate (5)
14 Comfort (4)
16 Adroit (4)
18 Confidential (7)
20 Storm (7)
21 Range (5)
23 Revolt (5)
24 Trivial (5)
26 Viper (5)
28 Depart (5)

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic **6:45** Cartoons **7:00** Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Anthropology **8:30** Literature **8:55** Arithmetic **9:25** Young children's programs **9:55** Family relations **10:30** Literature **10:55** French **11:10** Mathematics **11:20** Science **11:35** English **11:45** Israeli cinema in the 80s **12:15** Science and technology **12:40** Geography **12:55** Documentary about the making of films **13:30** Children's programs **15:00** Current affairs

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Shana Tova to the Children of Israel – festive New Year's program with performances emphasizing road safety **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** Shana Tova (continued) **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Documentary series **19:00** News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Hashmalit – video clips **20:00** Mabat **21:00** G.B.H. **21:55** Chinese Hour – last part **23:00** Mastermind – quiz show **23:30** News magazine

CHANNEL 2

13:00 Tiger Town – A Walt Disney film about a boy and his father who root for the local baseball team. The father's dying words give the boy the strength to bring victory to the team. Starring Roy Scheider and Justin Henry **14:00** Open Cards – youth issues (rpt) **15:00** Disney time **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** First Love – romantic game show for youngsters **18:00** Planet Fashion – fashion magazine **18:30** Second Chance – drama by the producers of Knots Landing **19:25** Lingo **20:00** News **20:30** Comedy Store **21:05** Hamishia Hakamerit – local comedy **21:35** Hidden drawers – drama **22:10** Bitter Blood – two-part dramatization of a true story of a woman who loses everything. As her marriage disintegrates, she seeks comfort in the arms of a man who conceals a dark character (88 mins) **00:00** News **00:05** Bitter Blood (continued) **00:05** Another Love **01:00** Vietnam **01:55** The Adventures of Ned Blessing – classic Western. Ned sets out to find his father in the middle of a war and arrives at a lawless town which is ruled by one corrupt family (91 mins)

JORDAN TV

13:00 Captain Planet – cartoon **13:30** Mantis – science fiction **14:00** The Road to Avonlea **15:00** Families **16:00** French programs **18:35** You Bet Your Life **19:00** The Piglet Files – comedy **19:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **20:15** True Blues – drama **21:00** News in English **21:25** Trade Winds – part 2 **22:30** Glass Virgin – miniseries **23:00** Grace Under Fire – comedy **23:30** Varieties

MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 700 Club **13:50** Out of the Blue (1947) – Humorous antics in an apartment building where an eccentric artist lives. Starring Virginia Mayo and George Brent (84 mins) **15:30** Moomins **15:55** Heathcliff **16:20** Inspector Gadget **16:45** Flying House **17:10** Documentary: Journey Across the World **18:10** Magnum P.I. **19:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **19:30** CNN Headline News **20:00** America's Funniest Home Videos **20:30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **21:20** Babylon 5 **22:10** 700 Club

CABLE

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Perfect Strangers **10:55** The Wonder Years **11:25** Celeste **12:10** Neighbors **12:35** Perry Mason **13:30** Starting at 1:30 **14:05** St Elsewhere **14:55** Roxanne **15:40** Melrose Place **16:55** Antonella **17:46** Israeli Clips **18:00** One Life to Live **18:45** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Beverly Hills 90210 **21:40** Friends **22:05** Robin's Hoods **22:50** Murphy Brown **23:20** Seinfeld **23:45** ENG **00:35** Law and Order **1:25** Dangerous Curves

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Fergie and Andrew (1992) – (rpt) **12:05** The Defector (1966) – (rpt) **13:40** What's New at the Movies **13:50** Eddie and the Cruisers (1983) – (rpt) **15:25** Coming of Age (1991) – (rpt) **16:55** One Against the Wind (1991) – (rpt) **18:35** Family of Strangers (1993) – (rpt) **21:00** Martial Outlaw (1993) – Martial arts action film about two policemen brothers who turn against one another **22:30** Snow Kill (1990) This action adventure takes place when five business executives take part in a nature expedition and run up against a murderous band of drug dealers. Starring Terence Knox and Joey Travolta. (90 min) **00:05** Those Secrets (1991) – (rpt) **01:35** House of Games (1987) – (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:00** Surprise Garden **9:00** Alvin and the Chipmunks **9:40** Spiderman **10:00** Mighty Max **10:35** Back to the Future **11:00** Family Ties **11:30** Crossroads **12:30** Surprise Garden **13:30** Little Monsters **14:10** Casper and Friends **14:30** Mighty Max **15:05** Back to the Future **15:30** Saved by the Bell **16:00** Lois and Clark **17:00** The Black Stallion **17:30** Suprise Garden **18:30** Alvin and the Chipmunks **19:10** Spiderman **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:30** Perfect Strangers **20:55** Step by Step **21:20** Cheers **21:45** Clips

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Melvin and Howard (1980) – Academy Award-winning comedy based on the real life story of Melvin Dummar, who tried to parlay a chance encounter with billionaire Howard Hughes into being named his beneficiary. Starring Paul LeMat, Jason Robards and Mary Steenburgen, Directed by Jonathan Demme (90 min) **23:35** Body and Soul (1947) – Classic movie about the story of a ruthless boxer. Starring John Garfield and Lilli Palmer. (101 min)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: History **12:00** Rediscovering America **13:00** To Kill and Kill Again **14:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **16:00** Rediscovering America **17:00** To Kill and Kill Again **18:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **20:00** Secret Life of the Office **20:30** In Search Of... **21:00** The Nature of Things **22:00** Special Forces **22:30** Fields of Armor **23:00** Secret Life of the Office **23:30** In Search Of... **00:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs)

ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons **17:30** Sage of the Ages **18:30** Open Studio (Arabic) **19:00** News in Arabic **19:30** Doctors' Talk (rpt) **20:30** Songs **21:00** Mabat **22:00** Weekly Column

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Full House – comedy **16:00** The World at War (rpt) **18:00** Keep Fit **18:15** Neon Rider **19:00** Current Affairs for children **19:30** Family Relations – overcoming dyslexia **20:00** A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) **20:30** Lubbock's Ten Sons **21:00** The World – A TV History **21:30** Goya – documentary

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 ITN News **6:15** US Market Wrap **6:30** Steals and Deals **7:00** Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business **9:00** Super Shop **10:00** European Money Wheel **14:00** US Money Wheel **17:30** FT Business Tonight **18:00** ITN News **18:30** The Man Who Colors Stars **19:30** The Selina Scott Show **20:30** Dateline International **21:30** ITN News **22:00** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **23:00** Volvo PGR European Tour **00:00** FT Business Tonight **00:30** NBC News **1:00** Real Personal

STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivans **6:30** World Cuisine **7:00** Entertainment Tonight **7:30** Donahue **8:30** Santa Barbara **9:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **10:00** Oprah Winfrey **11:00** Riviera **11:30** World Cuisine **12:00** Aerobics **12:30** The Sullivans **13:00** Small Wonder **13:30** Star Trek **14:30** Batman **15:00** Home and Away **15:30** Entertainment Tonight **16:00** M*A*S*H **16:30** Flying Doctors **17:30** The Extraordinary **18:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **19:00** Santa Barbara **20:00** Hard Copy **20:30** Baywatch **21:30** Misfits of Science **22:30** Entertainment Tonight **23:00** Oprah Winfrey **00:00** Hard Copy **00:30** Home and Away **1:00** The Sullivans

CHANNEL 5

7:00 – 8:30 Bodies in motion **16:00** Bodies in motion **16:30** Israeli basketball: Maccabi TA vs Hapoel Gvat **18:15** Show Jumping **19:00** Premier league soccer roundup **20:00** Boxing **21:00** National league soccer **22:00** Argentinian league soccer roundup **23:30** NFL

EUROSPORT

8:30 Eurogolf **9:30** Dance **10:30** Soccer magazine **11:30** Brazilian league soccer **12:30** Speed world **14:30** Athletics **15:30** Live cycling from Spain **17:00** Triathalon **18:00** Soccer magazine **19:30** Eurosport news **20:00** Motoring magazine **22:00** Boxing **23:00** Snooker **00:30** Chess **1:00** Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Tennis **6:30** Golf: 1995 Jamaica Classics **7:30** Baseball **10:00** Tennis **12:00** Aerobics **12:30** WPGET golf highlights **13:30** Futbol Mondial **14:00** Cycling **16:30** Chinese league soccer **18:30** Futbol Mondial **19:00** Cycling **20:00** Tennis **22:00** Superbikes **23:00** Futbol Mondial **1:30** Aerobics

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:00 BBC Newsday **9:15** Panorama **10:25** The Late Show **11:25** Time Out: Tomorrow's World **14:15** The Money Programme **16:10** World Business Report **16:25** Time Out: The Travel Show **17:15** Panorama **18:25** Time Out: Film '95 **21:05** Panorama **22:25** Time Out: The Clothes Show **23:25** World Business Report

CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 7:30 Moneyline **8:30** World Report **9:45** CNN Newsroom **10:30** Showbiz Today **11:30** World Report **12:00** Business Day **13:00** Business Asia **13:30** World Sport **14:00** Business Asia **15:00** Larry King Live **15:30** OJ Simpson Special **16:30** World Sport **17:30** Business Asia **20:00** World Business Today **20:30** CNN World News **21:00** International Hour **21:30** OJ Simpson Special **22:45** World Report **23:00** World Business Today **23:30** World Sport **00:30** Showbiz Today

SKY NEWS

News throughout the day 6:30 ABC World News **7:00** Sunrise **10:30** Fashion TV **11:30** ABC Nightline **12:00** World News and Business Report **14:30** CBS News This Morning **15:30** Those Were the Days **16:30** Talking with David Frost **18:00** Live at Five **19:30** Tonight with Adam Boulton **21:00** World News and Business Report **21:30** The OJ Simpson Trial **1:30** CBS Evening News

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee **9:05** D'Anglebert: Suite no 3 for harpsichord (Scott Ross); Bach: Cantata no 199; Beethoven: Sonata no 28 in A op 101 (Solomon); Rachmaninoff: Symphony no 2 (Moscow PO/Kitaenko); Ravel: Sonata for violin and cello (Kantorow, Fujiwara); Kodaly: Missa brevis (Kings College Choir, Cambridge) **12:00** Light Classical – Wieniawski: Violin concerto in F sharp minor (Shaham); Chopin: Krakowiak op 14 (Weissenberg); Glazunov: Concerto in E flat for saxophone and strings (Savijoki) **13:00** Open Studio – Aryeh Levanon, conductor; Eva Ben-Zvi, soprano. Thomas: Mignon overture; Brahms: Variations on theme by Haydn; Gliere: Concerto for coloratura and orch; L. Anderson: Irish Suite **14:06** Encore **15:00** From the Recording Studio – Zecharia Plavin (piano). Liszt: Prelude and fugue on BACH; Eitan Avitzur: Piano suite; Schumann: Kreisleriana **16:00** Leonard Bernstein – composer and conductor **18:00** New CDs – Berlioz: La damnation de Faust (Lyon Opera orch and choir) **20:05** From the World's Concert Halls – Sabine Meyer wind ensemble. Krommer: Partita in E flat op 70; Beethoven: Sextet in E flat op 71; Castiglioni: Octet; Mozart: Serenade in C minor K388 **22:00** A Musical Journey

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CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE **Naked** 5, 9:45 ★ **Minnie and Moskowitz** 7:30 ★ **Tsahal - Part A** 7 ★ **Tsahal - Part B** 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 **Water World•The Bridges of Madison County** 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ **Village of the Damned•Batman Forever** 4:45, 7:15 ★ **Country Life•French Kiss•Carrington•Captives** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 JERUSALEM THEATER **Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** 7, 9:30 ★ **Priest** 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations**☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **Die Hard 3** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **While You Were Sleeping** 9:45 ★ **Judge Dredd** 5, 7:30 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Man of the House** 5 ★ **Bad Boys•Don Juan•Smoke** 5, 7:30, 9:45

TEL AVIV
CINEMATHEQUE **Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Good Or Bad, Black and White** 7 ★ **I Vinti** 9:30 DIZENGOFF **Priest•Captives** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ **Burnt By the Sun** 7 ★ **Murder in the First Degree** 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 10 DRIVE IN **Outbreak** 10 GAN HA'IR ☎ 5279215 **Priscilla** 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT **Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 9:45 GORDON **True Love** 10 ★ **Citizen Kane** 6 ★ **High Noon** 8 HAKOLNOA **Death and the Maiden** 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Muriel's Wedding•Carrington** 2, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Casper** 2, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **French Kiss** 2, 5, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **The Bridges of Madison County** 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Country Life** 12, 2, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Shawshank Redemption** 11:30 a.m., 2, 5:15, 7:45; Thu., also 12:15 a.m. ★ **The Madness of King George** 11:30 a.m., 3:15, 6, 8, 10 ★ **Shallow Grave** 1:30, 4:30, 10 G.G. PE'ER **Carrington•French Kiss** 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Muriel's Wedding** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County** 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Casper** 5, 7:30 RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* **Dizengoff Center Die Hard 3** 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **While You Were Sleeping** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Judge Dredd** 5 ★ **Bad Boys** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pulp Fiction** 11:30 a.m., 7, 9:45 ★ **Crimson Tide** 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House **Braveheart** 6:15, 9:30 ★ **Pulp Fiction** 4, 7, 9:45 ★ **Four Weddings and a Funeral** 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Forget Paris•Smoke** 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Congo** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. **Nobody's Fool•The Browning Version** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Congo** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **Batman Forever•Village of the Damned** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **Ermo** 5, 8, 10 ★ **Amateur** 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **Shallow Grave** 9:15 ★ **The Madness of King George** 7:15 ★ **Murder in the First** 7:15, 9:15 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 **Priscilla•Captives•French Kiss** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County•Water World** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 **Country Life** 7:30, 9:30 ORLY **Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** 7, 9:30 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 **Priest•Muriel's Wedding** 7, 9:30 ★ **Batman Forever** 4:30 ★ **Carrington** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Batman Forever** 4:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 • **Bad Boys•Don Juan** 44:45, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416898/9 • **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Pagemaster** 5 ★ **Braveheart** 5:30, 9 ★ **Bad Boys•Smoke** 7, 9:15 ★ **Forget Paris•Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ **Don Juan** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Die Hard 3** 4:30, 7, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 • **While You Were Sleeping•Forget Paris** 7, 9:15 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Pagemaster (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Smoke** 4:45, 7, 9:15

ARAD
STAR ☎ 950904 **Casper** 7:15 ★ **Braveheart** 9:30 ★ **While You Were Sleeping** 9:30 ★ **Village of the Damned** 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Tommy Boy** 7:15

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL **Muriel's Wedding** 7:30, 10 ★ **Braveheart** 6:15, 9:30 ★ **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Die Hard 3** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Pagemaster** 5 G.G. ORI 1-3☎ 711223 **Forget Paris•Bad Boys•French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 10

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL **Village of the Damned•Shallow Grave** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Muriel's Wedding•The Madness of King George** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 RAV CHEN ☎ 711223 **Braveheart** 9:30 ★ **Forget Paris•Bad Boys•Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5, 7:30 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **Bad Boys•Don Juan•Forget Paris** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Die Hard 3** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Water World** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL **Casper•Batman Forever** 5 ★ **Village of the Damned•Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Carrington** 5, 7:30 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **Don Juan•Bad Boys** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Judge Dredd** 5 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 9:45

DIMONA
MOFET **Batman Forever** 5, 8

HADERA
LEV 1-4 **French Kiss** 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5:15 ★ **Andre** 5 ★ **Shawshank Redemption** 7:15 ★ **Die Hard 3** 5, 10 ★ **Water World** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Muriel's Wedding** 7:15, 9:45

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Forget Paris•Muriel's Wedding** 8, 10 STAR☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. **Carrington** 7:15 ★ **French Kiss** 9:45 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Water World** 7:15, 9:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 **Braveheart** 5:30, 9 ★ **Forget Paris•Dolores Claiborne** 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL **Water World•The Bridges of Madison County** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Water World** 10 ★ **Pocahontas (English dialogue)** 7:30 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 10 ★ **Batman Forever** 5 ★ **Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Carrington** 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 **Water World•Die Hard 3•The Bridges of Madison County** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Casper•Batman Forever•Power Rangers** 4:45 ★ **While You Were Sleeping** 7, 9:30 ★ **Braveheart** 9 ★ **Judge Dredd** 7, 9:30 ★ **French Kiss** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Free Willy 2** 4:45, 7 ★ **Village of the Damned** 7, 9:30

KIRYAT ONO
MATNAS **Braveheart** 8

KIRYAT SHEMONA
G.G. GIL **Water World** 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ **Village of the Damned•The Madness of King George** 4:30, 7, 9:30

LOD
STAR **Braveheart** 9:45 ★ **Batman Forever** 5 ★ **Muriel's Wedding** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **La Machine** 7:15, 9:45

NAHARIYA
HECHAL HATARBUT **Shawshank Redemption** 8:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **Batman Forever** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Carrington** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Bridges of the Madison County•Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Village of the Damned** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Carrington** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Bridges of the Madison County•Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Bad Boys•Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

OR AKIVA
RAV CHEN **Forget Paris•French Kiss** 7:15, 9:30 ★ **Water World** 6:45, 9:30

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL **Muriel's Wedding** 7:30, 10 ★ **Die Hard 3•Village of the Damned** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 **While You Were Sleeping** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Water World•The Bridges of Madison County** 4:30, 7:15, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 **Shallow Grave•French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Braveheart** 5, 8:30

RA'ANANA
MOFET **Muriel's Wedding** 7:30, 9:30 PARK **Bad Boys•The Bridges of Madison County•Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Dolores Claiborne•Water World** 5, 7:30, 10

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121* **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)•Pagemaster (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Die Hard 3** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 **Casper** 5 ★ **Bad Boys** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **French Kiss** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Water World** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 **Murder in the First** 7, 9:30

REHOVOT
CHEN 1–4 ☎ 362864 **Water World** 7, 9:45 ★ **Bad Boys** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Amateur** 5:45 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:45, 10 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 7:15, 9:45

RISHON LEZION
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 **Water World** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Pocahontas (English dialogue)** 7:30 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 10 ★ **Man of the House** 5 ★ **Village of the Damned** 5, 7:30, 10 HAZAHAV **Free Willy 2** 4:30, 7:15 ★ **Don Juan** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Bridges of Madison** 4:30, 7:15, 10 RAV CHEN ☎ 9670503* **Don Juan•Bad Boys** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pocahontas (Hebrew dialogue)** 5 ★ **Dolores Claiborne** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Forget Paris** 7:30, 9:45 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. **Braveheart** 9:30 ★ **Die Hard 3** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Carrington** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Bad Boys** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Tommy Boy** 7:30

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL **Braveheart** 6:15, 9:15 ★ **French Kiss•Die Hard 3•The Madness of King George•Village of the Damned•Forget Paris** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Water World** 4:15, 7, 9:45

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Patients hit hard by hospital workers' strike

JUDY SIEGEL

PATIENTS at 30 state hospitals quickly felt the absence of 8,000 striking cleaning workers and clerks yesterday, as food and clean laundry became precious commodities.

The Health Ministry and Civil Service Commission applied for court orders against the strikers late last night, saying the hospitals cannot function long under these emergency conditions. But it was not known if and when they would be issued.

The union launched the open-ended strike to protest against the government's refusal to implement recommendations of the Padeh Committee for equalizing salary scales in Kupat Holim Clalit and government hospitals.

Outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes in the hospitals were closed, and all but emergency operations were canceled. Although hospital managements had prepared a large amount of sterile implements and clean laundry, supplies began to run out. The kitchens were nearly closed down, and patients had to depend on relatives and friends to provide food. There was no one to clean the toilets and no one answered the switchboards.

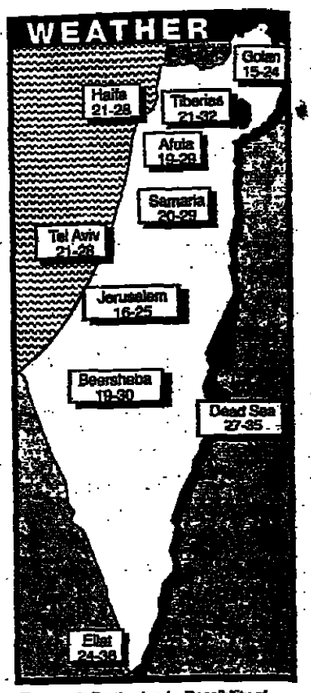
Strike committees were set up in each of the affected hospitals to decide which patients were emergency cases. The effects of the strike were lessened in oncology, dialysis, obstetrics, intensive care, and neonatal departments.

The Finance Ministry spokeswoman said the ministry was surprised by the strike, because the hospital workers had received "significant wage increases – among the highest in the public sector" after they promised to maintain industrial peace. The ministry will not cave in and grant anything more than that agreed upon in the latest collective agreement, the spokeswoman said.

The Treasury strongly criticized the Histadrut trade union section for authorizing the strike, and called on the strikers to return to work.



The admitting office at Wolfson Hospital in Holon stands empty yesterday, as administrative and maintenance workers in government hospitals began an open-ended strike for higher wages. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)



Forecast: Partly cloudy. Possibility of light local rain in the north.

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Buenos Aires	15	59	25	77	pt.cloudy
Cairo	21	70	32	90	clear
Chicago	07	44	19	66	cloudy
Copenhagen	11	52	13	55	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	50	22	72	pt.cloudy
Geneva	10	50	22	72	pt.cloudy
Helsinki	01	34	16	61	clear
Hong Kong	28	82	29	84	clear
Johannesburg	09	48	24	75	cloudy
Lisbon	16	61	22	72	pt.cloudy
London	13	55	19	66	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	64	27	80	clear
Madrid	13	55	23	73	rain
Montreal	x	x	x	x	x
Moscow	00	32	11	52	pt.cloudy
New York	16	61	22	71	cloudy
Paris	13	55	20	68	rain

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, 10 of hearts, queen of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

Hammer's referendum proposal leaves coalition, opposition cold

SARAH HONIG

THE consensus within both the coalition and opposition yesterday was that the proposal by National Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer to conduct a unilateral referendum on Oslo 2 is a virtual non-starter.

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli stressed that, "If Hammer persists with his notion, then we will tell our supporters to shun the referendum and then it will be nothing more than a meaningless desperate gesture, like a lot of what the right wing has been doing lately."

Hammer argued that he "would like the government to join us in sponsoring this referendum. If the idea is fine for the Golan, what makes it so abhorrent for the Oslo-2 pact?

"But if the government refuses to call a referendum, then it should be conducted despite it," he said. "I can understand the plain fear of the government side to hear the verdict of the nation which the government well senses is not with it. The government, after all, knows better than anybody that the public in 1992 did not vote for anything like the policies it later adopted."

The issue in question, Hammer asserted, "is one of the most divisive the nation has ever known since independence and the issue is furthermore a vital issue of survival. A government which is able to stay in power by the slightest possible majority – parts of which come from votes stolen from the national camp, whose supporters clearly took the opposite stand to the government's – cannot lead so decisive a historic process."

But Zvilli disputed Hammer's contentions. "This government was elected without the thinnest shadow of a doubt to carry out precisely the policies it is now putting into effect. No one was misled in the 1992 elections. Everything was spelled out in the clearest way, black on white.

"Moreover, the Oslo agreement was ratified by the Knesset and Oslo 2 is merely an implementation of what was already approved. Hammer cannot engage in democracy delux and decide when and over what issue the nation will be consulted," Zvilli said.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni was blunter: "This is an undemocratic move by people who have nothing but contempt for democracy."

Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss of Labor also came out against Hammer's proposal, which he termed "unfortunate. I will try to talk Zevulun out of it. A referendum can only be held if the Knesset calls it, and even then, I have reservations about the entire system, which is not practiced in the Anglo-Saxon world."

In the opposition the idea was not enthusiastically embraced either. Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir said he views Hammer's proposal as "mostly another demonstration against this disastrous government. And demonstrations against this government should continue."

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan argued that, "All talk of a referendum on any issue is nonsense. The best refereendum is early elections. The way this government is leading us down the abyss, the quicker early elections are called, the less damage this catastrophical government can still do."

Flight disruptions indefinitely postponed

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PLANS for wide-scale flight disruptions at Ben-Gurion Airport were suspended yesterday afternoon, after a meeting between striking Flight Services workers and the company's management.

The Histadrut canceled the planned strike actions and said the airport workers would decide on their next moves today, depending on the outcome of talks convened after the intervention of Energy Minister Gonen Segev.

Meanwhile, the strike by Flight Services, the company which refuels airplanes, continues due to the management's ongoing refusal to renew the wage agreement which expired six years ago.

Four airplanes from CIS states are stuck at Ben-Gurion without fuel, not having succeeded, as other airlines did, to refuel at airports en route to Israel.

The deadlock between Flight Services management and the workers was broken by Segev yesterday, when he invited representatives of both sides to his office. At the meeting, the disputing sides agreed to meet Histadrut Trade Union Section chairman MK Amir Peretz later yesterday evening in an effort to start negotiations to solve the crisis.

Na'amat: NII holding back funds from single-parent families

MICHAL YUDELMAN

NA'AMAT yesterday accused the National Insurance Institution of depriving single-parent families with more than one child of the study grant. It said the NII is "suspicious" that they are not really single-parent families.

In a letter to Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir and NII Director-General Yossi Tamir, Na'amat head Ofra Friedman demanded the NII pay the study grant immediately to all single-parent families who have not received it.

Friedman said the study grant – NIS 757 for each child between six and 11 and NIS 421 to each child up to 14 – was paid a month ago only to single-parent families with one child.

She blasted the NII for "casting doubt on thousands of single-parent families with two and more children on the basis of a few irregular cases, and forcing them to sign a special declaration form," which is holding up the payments.

Friedman also complained that the NII denies single-mother status to any mother whose boyfriend or live-in partner is not the father of her children.

Friedman stated that most single-parent families face financial difficulties and are counting on the study grant to make up the money spent at the beginning of the school year.

The NII rejected Friedman's charges as "complete nonsense." Tamir noted that the study grant was expanded this year to include single-parent families not defined as such by law, such as women whose husbands left them without divorce and wives of prisoners.

Jordan parliament says freedom regressing

AMMAN (Reuter) – A Jordanian parliamentary report released this week said that freedoms had regressed since the kingdom made peace with Israel last October, and urged the government to show more tolerance to the opposition.

The government rejected the charges, contained in a report from parliament's committee on civil liberties, and said it is committed to the democracy move launched after 1989 price riots. But it warned of limits.

"The historic turning point the country is witnessing, the state of polarization in society after the signing of the peace treaty and the accompanying stressful situation has visibly affected the ceiling of public freedoms," said the 10-page report, which was endorsed by most of the 80-seat lower house.

Many Jordanians, especially those of Palestinian origin, remain hostile to Israel, and economic benefits from peace have so far been minimal.

The Islamic-led opposition, nearly a third of parliament, accused the government of making mass arrests and holding suspects for long periods without charge – a key criticism also made by international human rights groups.

They criticized the government for stripping many Palestinians of Jordanian citizenship, saying it harmed Jordan's national unity and discouraged Palestinian investment.

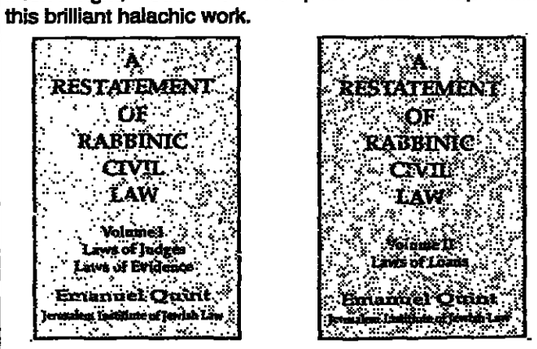
Amman began replacing Palestinians' five-year passports with two-year "temporary" passports that do not convey citizenship after a 1988 decision to cut administrative and legal ties with West Bank.



'Dr. Barbie' brings a smile to the face of a patient on the oncological ward of Dana Children's Hospital in Tel Aviv yesterday. During the visit, sponsored by Clal Marketing and the Israel Cancer Association, the children got Dr. Barbie coloring books and other gifts. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

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